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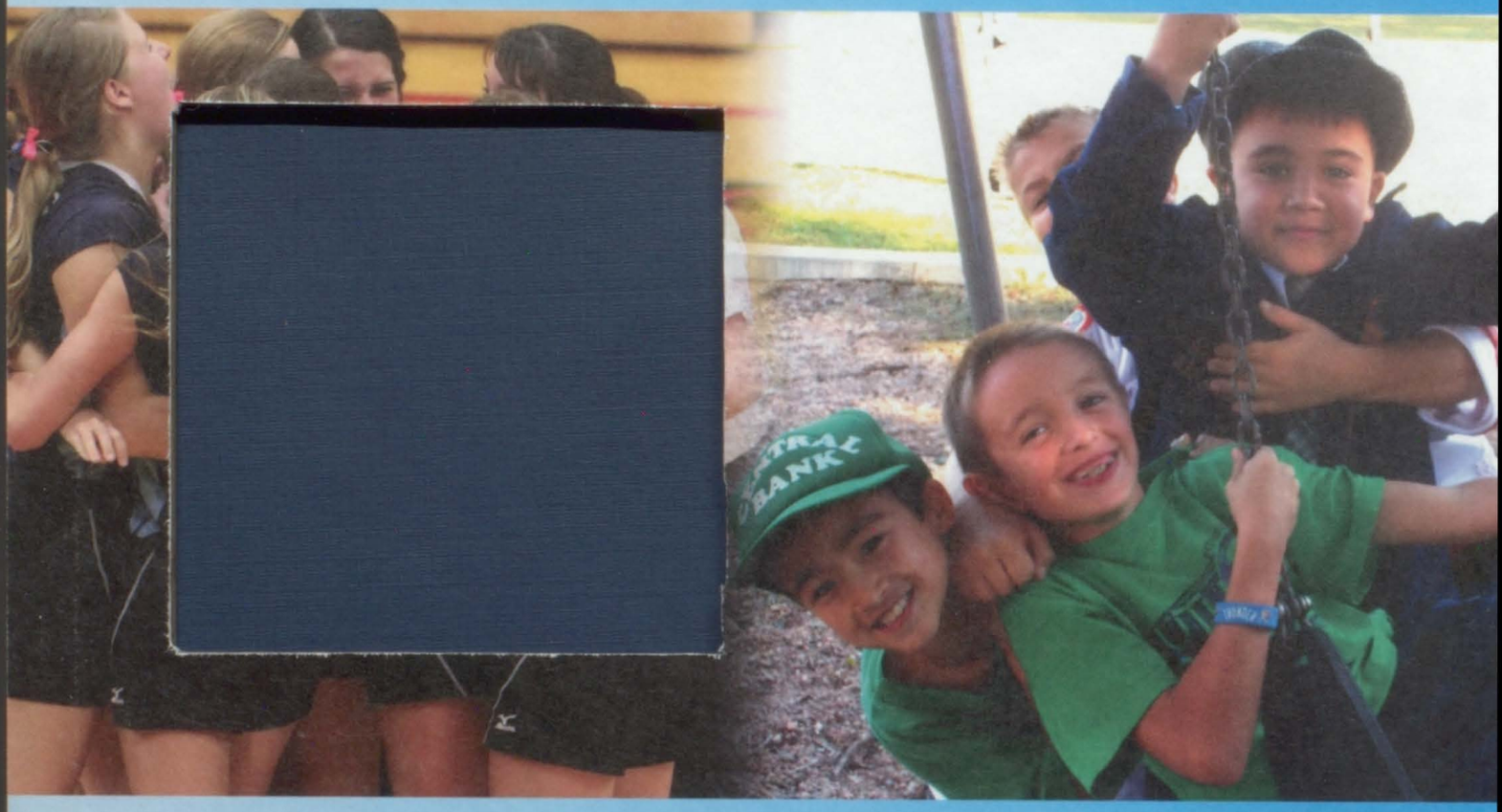

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Dan Meers, also known as KC Wolf, the mascot for the Kansas City Chiefs, spoke in both the elementary and high school chapels. Meers talked about how important it is to live every day to its fullest, really enjoy the people around you, and remember that God will help you through your struggles.

Left: **ShayeLeigh Cooper (12)** goes out to the middle of the court between sets at a home volleyball game and takes a selfie with the student section. The theme of this game was blackout, and the students went all out.

Capturing the Moment

by ShayeLeigh Cooper (12)

Capturing the Moment is about living for the moment and enjoying where we are in this moment. It's about cherishing our friends, embracing the abilities and talents we have, and treasuring the memories we're making. This year, the yearbook staff has tried a new technique for the book: having less writing and more pictures. The purpose for this change wasn't an effort to make less work for the yearbook staff; rather, the staff tried to focus on what students would truly appreciate: pictures.

People look back on their yearbooks to reminisce about their school days. Each picture throughout this book captures a special moment from the 2014-2015 school year. (Flip to the closing page [86-87] to learn more about how the yearbook staff strove to capture every moment using technology.) Additionally, each page features advice, mainly from seniors, on truly making the high school years count.

All throughout high school, most students are looking forward to graduating and getting to the next stage in their lives when they should be concentrating on and appreciating their high school years. Through the pictures and words of advice, this book aims to help students do just that: live in the moment and appreciate the time they are given.

-ShayeLeigh Cooper (12)

Little pictures top to bottom:

1. Mrs. Denise Winsterman, Mrs. Karrie Simmons, Mrs. Amy Mazankowski, and **Mrs. Rachel Jewell** pose for a picture during a home basketball game. These moms were at every game, showing their support for their children while they played.
2. **Faith Springer (3)** is excited for Grandparent's Day. Every year the children look forward to spending a day with their grandparents and showing them what they do at school.
3. Christian Jividen, **Trev McHargue (P)**, and Ava Merchant wait in line for the face painting booth at the school's carnival. The face painting was the biggest attraction this year.
4. **Carsyn Ostrand (8)**, **Amy Hilderbrand (7)**, **Talitha Harrington (11)**, **Desiree Lutes (10)**, **Keziah Dexter (9)**, and **Whitney Heuermann (11)** participate in the E-group kickoff with a puzzle. This year, students were assigned to small groups called E-groups that met after chapel for discussion and prayer.
5. **ShayeLeigh Cooper (12)** and **Keegan Francl (12)** finish off their last scoops of ice cream from their root beer floats at a student council social. The student council has a tradition of surprising the student body with ice cream near the beginning of the year.
6. **Warren Dexter (12)** works the grill at the senior hamburger feed. The money raised at the event went toward the senior trip.

Top right: **Hope Baldwin (12)** and **Amber Mazankowski (12)** share a laugh as they carry **Emily Simmons (12)** across campus during second period. The three girls have become close friends through various sport activities.

Middle right: **Khing Khobjai (12)** paints **Jamie Myers' (7)** face during the school's carnival. The carnival is a great way for students to connect and interact with students they aren't usually around during the school day.

Bottom right: **Riley Schreiber (4)**, **Landen Leonard (3)**, **Gabe Langemeier (4)**, and **Christian Strobel (3)** enjoy a beautiful day on the swing set during recess. The younger elementary students enjoyed getting to play with the older kids during recess.

Right: **Matt Swanson (12)**, **Sam Twogood (9)**, **Joel Kaczor (9)**, and **Andrew Winsterman (10)** huddle in prayer together before a relay. Nebraska Christian students often prayed together before their races.

cherishing each other

Friends are the pearls of our lives. The majority of people don't think of going anywhere without their friends; this is especially true of teenagers. Having friends is a natural occurrence in most lives. Friendships are something sacred; they need to be cherished and built up for many years, with a lot of care.

In our daily lives, we tend to forget the definition of cherish and often take it for granted. To cherish means to keep fondly in mind; to treasure. Live in the present and cherish the ones in your life.

Cherishing each other is extremely important when you're surrounded with one another nine hours a day, four days a week. School becomes our second home, and our classmates start to become like brothers and sisters. When the seniors graduate and leave, it's like losing a big sister or an older brother. *"I'm going to miss **Matt Swanson (12)** very much. He always made sure to talk to me in the hallways, and he's been such a great leader to me,"* said **Tim Hofmann (9).**

Lifelong friends start here in high school. *"Growing up here for 13 years, school becomes like a second home. I hope to keep in contact with my close friends that I shared my high school journey with,"* said **Ethan Unruh (12).**

We should learn to encourage each other to grow in our walk with God in our daily lives.

-Keegan Francl (12)

growing through the years

As we graduate and move on, it's your turn to step up and make a difference for Christ.

-Taylor Swantek (12)

Below: *Class of 2015*. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Carson Huenefeld, Chris Hilderbrand, Nathan Griess, Keegan Francl, Adrian Epp, Levi Elge, Warren Dexter, ShayeLeigh Cooper, Jonas Chiang, Zach Brock, Hope Baldwin. Row 2: Brittany Ritta, Chau Nguyen, Lewis Nguyen, Austin Nguyen, Hannah Mead, Amber Mazankowski, Kevin Lin, Ru Li, William Le, Maddie Kirby, Khing Khobjai, Keagan Jewell. Row 3: Myles Wheeler, Taylor Van Pelt, Ethan Unruh, John Tran, Jerron Tiemeyer, Taylor Swantek, Matthew Swanson, Liz Smith, Emily Simmons, Andrew Sack, CJ Ruybalid, Hannah Ritta.

As the year comes to a close, a class that has grown, shrunk, and matured into the young men and women they are today is bidding high school farewell. It's crazy to think that thirteen years ago this class of 35 started out with 12 young elementary students, only six of whom will graduate with the class. Over the past 13 years, this class has matured physically, mentally, and spiritually with the help of Nebraska Christian staff and their fellow students. Senior **Keagan Jewell**, who joined the class his sophomore year, said, *"Nebraska Christian has helped me see how great God truly is, and how He is sovereign over every situation no matter what life throws at us."*

The class of 2015 has been through ups and downs over the past 13 years, with drama, laughs,tears, and lost of crazy memories, but when it comes down to it, I think we would all agree that we are thankful for each person we will walk down that aisle with come graduation day. **Hope Baldwin (12)** said, *"I am so thankful for those who pushed me and helped make me stronger in athletics, academics, and most importantly my faith. The encouragement my classmates gave was a true blessing in my life."*

We seniors have had the opportunity to see God work in the lives of not only our fellow classmates over the past years, but also in the underclassmen. We have had the privilege of seeing God grow people in their faith and pursuit of Him while having the opportunity of pouring into their lives before we take on the world. The challenges and experiences that Nebraska Christian has given this class are great, and they have helped prepare these students for the future years to come. Through difficulty and trials, God sanctifies us and makes us more like Himself. Isaiah 48:10-11 says,"Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. For My own sake, for my own sake, I will do it; For how should My name be profaned? And I will not give My glory to another."

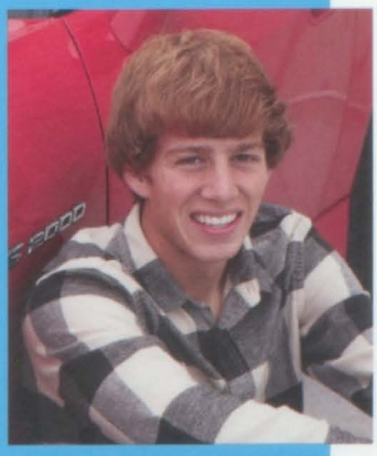
God's plan is perfect even in difficulty, and we need to trust Him. The class of 2015 is moving on in their journey, but the mission doesn't end there. Now it's the rest of the school's turn to step up and learn, encourage and make a difference for the sake of Christ.

-Taylor Swantek (12)

Hope Makia Baldwin

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Verse: Psalm 73:26
Pet Peeve: When people intentionally throw trash on the ground and don't pick it up.

Warren Willis Dexter



Years at NC: 5-1/2
Hometown: Burwell
Favorite Verse: James 3:1-12
Pet Peeves: Narks

Zachary Ryan Brock

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Columbus
Favorite Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:24
Pet Peeves: People trying to tell stories when they have no point, and when people eavesdrop.

Levi Dennis Elge

Years at NC: 5
Hometown: Aurora
Favorite Verse: Psalm 101:3
Pet Peeve: When people are loud and annoying.

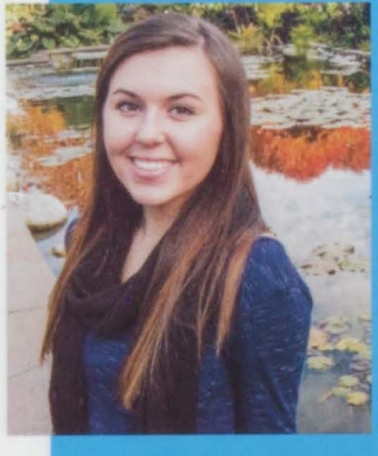
Cheng-Yu (Jonas) Chiang

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Taipei, Taiwan
Favorite Verse: 1 Timothy 5:12
Pet Peeve: When someone tickles me.

Adrian Taylor Epp

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Giltner
Favorite Verse: Proverbs 19:21
Pet Peeve: Magnificent Mondays

ShayeLeigh Alexandria Cooper



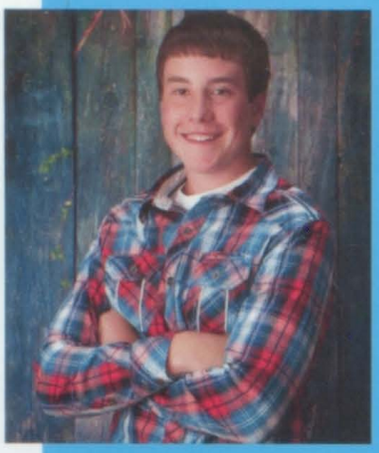
Years at NC: 5
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Verse: Proverbs 31:30
Pet Peeves: When girls wear tennis shoes with skinny jeans; when I can't get a front row parking spot.

Keegan LeAnn Frand

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Grand Island
Favorite Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25
Pet Peeve: People who think they know everything, but really know nothing.

Nathan James Griess

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Columbus
Favorite Verse: Isaiah 40:8
Pet Peeves: Un-even strings



Lydia Katherine Johnson

Years at NC: 3-3/4
Hometown: Harvard
Favorite Verse: Psalm 119:105
Pet Peeve: When outfits don't match.

Christopher Lee Hilderbrand

Years at NC: 3-1/2
Hometown: Oakland
Favorite Verse: Deuteronomy 31:6
Pet Peeve: The feeling you get when you're sure you've done your homework and then you can't find it.

Napatporn (Khing) Khobjai

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Bangkok, Thailand
Favorite Verse: Psalm 46:1
Pet Peeve: Cold weather

Carson Jacoby Huenefeld

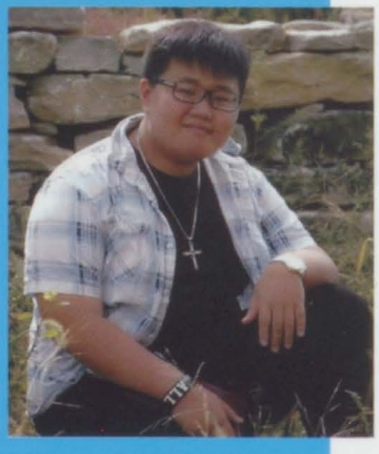
Years at NC: 5
Hometown: Aurora
Favorite Verse: 2 Timothy 4:7-8
Pet Peeve: People with little respect for others.

Maddie Jo Kirby

Years at NC: 12
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Pet Peeves: When people don't wash their hands after using the restroom; when people talk while the teacher is talking.

Keagan Drew Jewell

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Verse: Proverbs 13:12
Pet Peeves: Sniffling; when people stop mid-sentence.



Manh Duy (William) Le

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Ha Long City, Viet Nam
Favorite Verse: Joshua 1:9
Pet Peeves: When people make noise, and when I get a bad grade.

Yanru (Ru) Li

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Shenyang, China
Favorite Verse: Genesis 1:1
Pet Peeve: When people call me fat.

Anh Huy (Austin) Nguyen

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
Favorite Verse: John 3:16
Pet Peeve: When people make dumb, noisy sounds.

Hao-Yu (Kevin) Lin

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Taipei, Taiwan
Favorite Verse: Romans 10:10
Pet Peeve: When I fall asleep in class.

Anh Tuan (Lewis) Nguyen

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
Favorite Verse: Proverbs 1:7
Pet Peeve: When people don't answer my questions.

Amber Anne Mazankowski

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Columbus
Favorite Verse: Psalm 61:2
Pet Peeves: When people steal your milk duds from your locker; when people take up two parking spots.

Chau Bao Nguyen

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
Pet Peeve: When others try to rule over me.

Hannah Jane Mead

Years at NC: 12
Hometown: Aurora
Favorite Verse: Jeremiah 29:11
Pet Peeves: Heavy breathing, being around people eating, and when people ramble on about things.

Brittany Alysse Ritta

Years at NC: 10
Hometown: Marquette
Favorite Verse: Philippians 4:13
Pet Peeves: Spiders in the shower; people chewing with their mouths open.

Hannah Lynne Ritta

Years at NC: 13
Hometown: Chapman
Favorite Verse: Philippians 1:21
Pet Peeves: Messy lockers; people talking during class while the teacher is talking.

Elizabeth Danielle Kay Smith

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Grand Island
Favorite Verse: Joshua 24:15
Pet Peeves: Squeaky balloons, spiders, and people who don't care about their school work.

Cameron Joseph Rupbalid

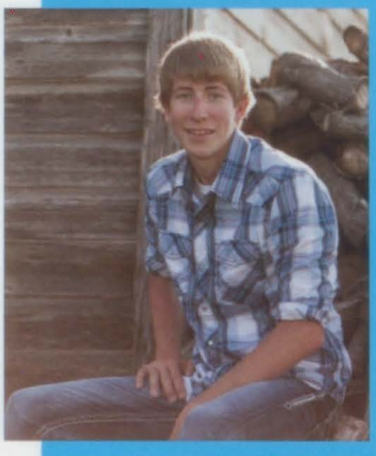
Years at NC: 6
Hometown: Central CIty
Favorite Verse: John 10:21
Pet Peeves: When you have to "start with two" pieces of pizza.

Mathew Brooks Swanson

Years at NC: 6
Hometown: Aurora
Favorite Verse: Psalm 118:1
Pet Peeves: When people bite on their silverware while they eat.

Andrew Robert Sack

Years at NC: 13
Hometown: Marquette
Favorite Verse: John 13:7
Pet Peeves: When my mom doesn't text me back, the sound of flip flops, and when Sharina takes my food from my locker.

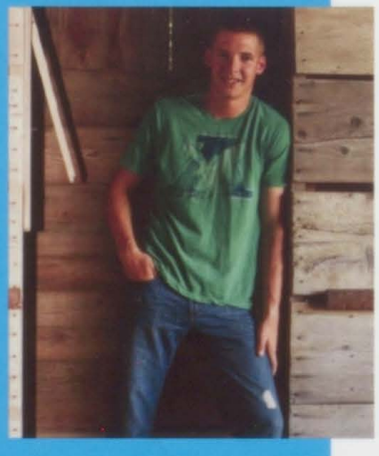


Taylor Alexa Swantek

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Genoa
Favorite Verse: Isaiah 48:10
Pet Peeves: When people pop their necks/knuckles, and when people say "nevermind" in the middle of explaining something.

Emily Christine Simmons

Years at NC: 13
Hometown: Marquette
Favorite Verse: 1 Peter 3:15
Pet Peeves: People who think they know everything, and when people pass you then drive slow.

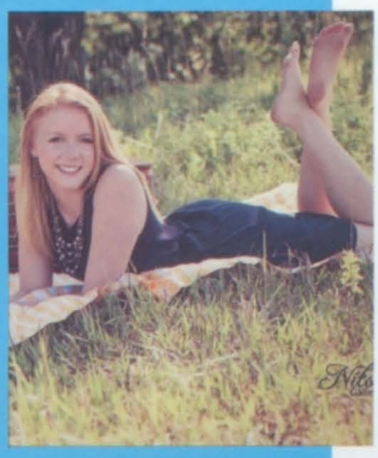


Jerron Michael Tiemeyer

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Columbus
Favorite Verse: Psalm 147:5
Pet Peeve: When people chew food with their mouth open.

Huan To (John) Tran

Years at NC: 1-1/2
Hometown: Quy Nhen City, Vietnam



Taylor Jane Van Pelt

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Phillips
Favorite Verse: Joshua 1:9
Pet Peeves: Immature people, bad drivers, cute clothes that aren't on sale, and liberals.

Ethan Albert Unruh

Years at NC: 13
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Verse: 1 Timothy 4:12
Pet Peeves: People who chew with their mouth open, and people who don't respect others when they are sleeping.

Myles Wesley Wheeler

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Osceola
Favorite Verse: Isaiah 26:4-10
Pet Peeves: People chewing with their mouth open and grumpy teachers

Class Verse

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden."
-Matthew 5:14 (NKJV)

Class Motto

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Class Flower

Coral Rose

Class Colors

Coral and Turquoise

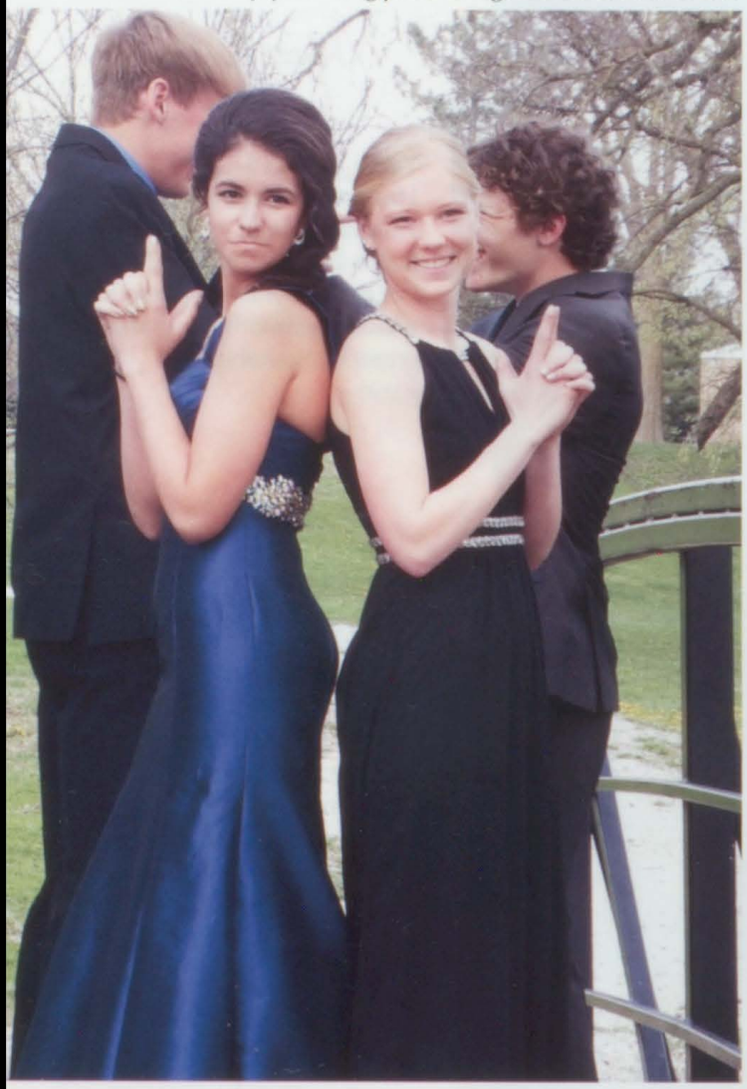
treasuring the times

by Sharina Boutin (11)

Juniors, don't be afraid to step up to the plate next year. Kids big and small will look up to your leadership, even if you don't realize it. Your senior year will go by in a flash, so remember even though you have a lot on your plate, don't forget to enjoy your year and have fun trying new things and meeting new people!

-Maddie Kirby (12)

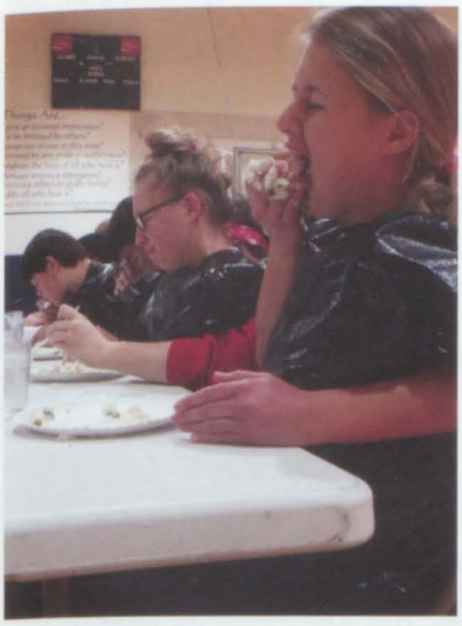
Below: Striking their best "Charlie's Angels" pose, (front) **Talitha Harrington (11)** and **Katie Cumpston (11)** pause for pictures prior to the Honor Banquet, while (back) **Logan Faeh (11)** and **Trevor Swanson's (11)** poses aren't as successful. Many students enjoyed taking pictures together before the event.



Below: **Jerod Prettyman (11)**, **Dillon Rose (11)**, and **Zac Dockweiler (11)** help carry damaged items out of Heartland Evangelical Free Church after the February fire. Many students volunteered to help with the clean up involved with getting the church back to normal as quickly as possible.

Below: During the choir tour stop at Grace Bible Fellowship in Central City, **Tara Murphy (11)** tells the audience how God has been working in her life. Many students enjoyed the opportunity to share with the audience during choir concerts.

Right: **Skyler Qu (11)** and **Isabella Yang (11)** passionately preform their speech duet "It's All in Your Mind, Partner." The girls enjoyed being a part of the team and placed in several meets, even qualifying for State Speech.



Left (from right): **Whitney Heurermann (11)** and **Morgan Schulze (10)** eat away at their Thanksgiving dinner provided to them at the pep rally. The student council provided very creative and interactive activities for the student body this school year.

Left: **Mr. Andy Falk** assists **Carson Falk (11)** in the concession stand. The juniors came up with creative ways to raise money and worked hard all year long to achieve their monetary goals.

Christina Bailey
Sharina Boutin
Katie Cumpston
Noah Dexter
Zac Dockweiler
Logan Faeh

Carson Falk
Madison Fuehrer
Talitha Harrington
Whitney Heuermann
Susan Hofmann
Alexis Hower

Nolan Kohmetscher
Cameron Langemeier
MaKenna Loy
Tara Murphy
Matthew Myers
Jack Nelson

George Nguyen
Martin Nguyen
Philip Nguyen
Cassidy Ostrand
Dillon Rose

Brennan Stebbing
Trevor Swanson
Panny Wang
Albert Yang
Isabella Yang
Not Pictured: Rubi McHargue, Jerod Prettyman

enjoying life

by Maddie Kirby (12)

Don't overwhelm yourself with classes, sports, and activities. Only take on as much as you can while still being able to give 110% to each one!
-CJ Ruybalid (12)

Below: Two-year speech team member **Cole Ruybalid (10)** relaxes while waiting for his assistant coaches **Miss Becky Ritta** and **Mrs. Ruth Ferris** to finish the hole. The speech team celebrated the end of the season with an evening of mini golf and frozen yogurt.

Below: KC Wolf (Dan Meers), the Kansas City Chiefs' mascot, sits among sophomores **Wendy Bornmann (10)**, **Janie Mousel (10)**, and **Morgan Schulze (10)** during chapel. The whole school enjoyed the day listening to KC Wolf tell his story.

Below: While **Joel Poppe (9)** looks on, **Jeremiah Ebel (10)** tries to explain his favorite part of being in One Act to Student Council President **Taylor Van Pelt (12)**. The Thanksgiving pep rally featured students who participated in a variety of activities.

Right: During the speech showcase, **Marilla Flynn (10)** and **Alicia Kim (10)** perform their Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID) piece for the audience. The girls portrayed residents of an insane asylum: Flynn's character thought she was a frog, and Kim's character thought she was a teapot. The OID did well throughout the season and qualified for the state meet.

Left: **Sarah Simmons (10)** picks up leaves during the spring service day. The junior and senior high students participated in helping clean up the community during a school day in the spring. Activities ranged from pulling weeds at Bader Park to mowing people's lawns in town. The whole day was a great success, and the students had a great time.

Left: **Tommy Flynn (10)** and **Hailee Broman (10)** get the tables ready with desserts for the Harvest Festival. Choir members doubled as servers to make for a smooth night.

Wendy Bornmann
Hailee Broman
Gladys Choi
Trang Doan
Jeremiah Ebel

Jaydon Elge
Katie Entz
Rachel Epp
Marilla Flynn
Tommy Flynn
Corina Ge

Alex Hao
Kaitlyn Hoppes
Tom Kang
Alicia Kim
Juan Lasso
Anna Li

Desiree' Lutes
Taylor Morris
Janie Mousel
Alyssa Prettyman
Cole Ruybalid
Morgan Schulze

Sarah Simmons
Benny Stevens
Reagan Williams
Andrew Winsterman
Grace Wu
Angel Zhang
Not Pictured: Sophie Guo

being organized

by Hannah Ritta (12)

Keep your locker organized. It makes it easier to keep homework organized.

~ Liz Smith (12)

Left: **Danae Burdett (9)**, dressed as Emily Dickinson, smiles as she carries her lunch to her table. Famous Person Day during Homecoming week was a great day for students to learn more about each other by seeing who their favorite famous person was.

Below: During a Geography review game, **Claire Ostrand (9)** grins as she waits patiently to see if she has scored a point for her team. Students looked forward to review day in **Mr. Clay Mankin**'s class.

Below: **Daniel Myers (9)** carefully makes some final adjustments to his Rube Goldberg. The freshman physical science class enjoyed building and watching their simple machines in motion.

Right: **Jihoon Kim (9)** studiously prepares for a test. Being organized with test material has often helped students to excel in their schoolwork.

Far right: **Jessica Hilderbrand (9)** participates in Twister at the annual NC Carnival. Students and children of all ages enjoyed playing games to receive tickets to exchange for prizes.

Landon Barcel
Danae Burdett
Hunter Butler
Clara Chon
Keziah Dexter
Andrew Feely

Left: **Clara Chon (9)** focuses as she is about to score a point for her team. Students often looked forward to review games the day before a test to familiarize them with the test material.

Left: **Joel Kaczor (9)** listens intently as **Mrs. Dee Flynn** points out the different parts of his Rube Goldberg. Each student had to have a certain amount of pulleys, ramps, or incline planes.

Cheyenne Glines
Benjamin Griess
Brayden Gustafson
Jessica Hilderbrand
Timothy Hofmann

Joel Kaczor
Ji Ha Kim
Jihoon Kim
Kyle Kim
Melinda Kim

Lydia Langemeier
Anna Musgrave
Daniel Myers
Brennan Nokelby
Katie Nyberg

Claire Ostrand
Joel Poppe
Micah Smith
Ray Su
Luke Swanson

Chase Tate
Samuel Twogood
Spencer Williams
Sonya Wu
Richard Zhao

embracing the awkward

by Hannah Mead (12)

Junior high is fun, and it is a great learning experience. It can be an awkward stage of life for many people, but looking back on it, it prepared me very well for high school and held some of my favorite memories here at Nebraska Christian.

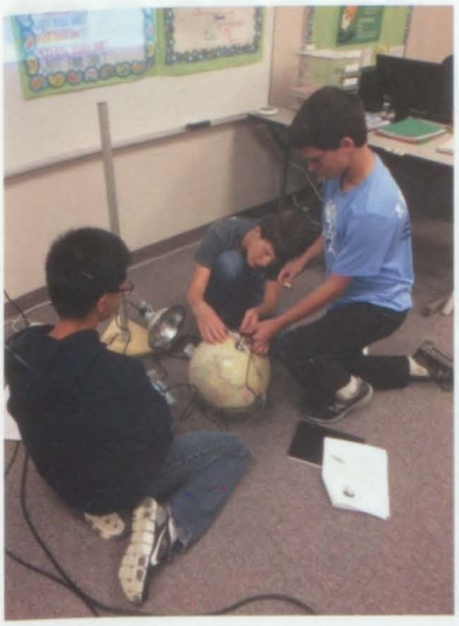
-Andrew Sack (12)

Below: **Seth Hower** (7) concentrates as he plays the tuba at the Harvest Festival. Though the band was smaller than it has been in recent years, the members worked hard and performed at a very high level.

Below: **Jada McHargue** (7) works ambitiously on her math worksheet. The students studied hard this year as they prepared for a higher level of high school math.

Below: **Sydney Fuehrer** (8) and **Skylar Swantek** (8) focus as they strum on their guitars in chapel. The girls really enjoyed being on the worship team together.

Peyton Butler, 7
Lauren Feely, 7
Kelby Gustafson, 7
Amy Hilderbrand, 7
Seth Hower, 7
Kendyl Jividen, 7



Left: **Bennett Zaruba (8)**, **Ben Janssen (8)**, and **Brad Hilderbrand (8)** work together to tackle a fun and interactive science project. The boys liked getting out of their desks and doing hands-on activities.

Left: **Peyton Butler (7)** smiles as she types away at her timed writing exercise in keyboarding. The students really enjoyed **Mr. Mark Leonard's** classes. He added life and laughter to the classroom and was always cracking jokes.

Grace Langemeier, 7
Jayden Leonard, 7
Micah Loy, 7
Nathan Mousel, 7
Jamie Myers, 7

Cory Ruybalid, 7
Jack Stebbing, 7
Stephanie Strobel, 7
Trevor Cumpston, 8
Ryan Dexter, 8

Jon Dockweiler, 8
Madison Felt, 8
Sydney Fuehrer, 8
Cody Griess, 8
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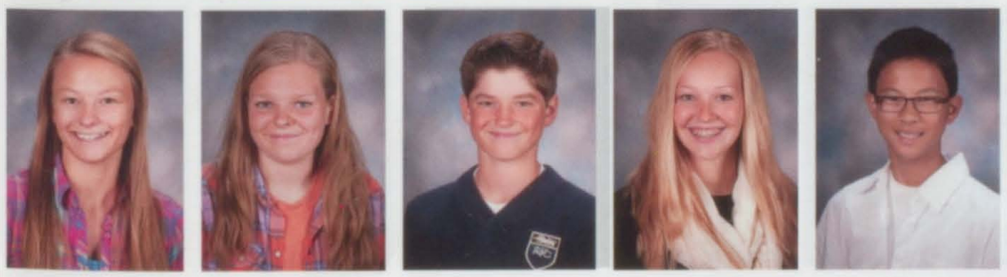


Carsyn Ostrand, 8
Skylar Swantek, 8
Jake Twogood, 8
Alison Winsterman, 8
Bennett Zaruba, 8

growing in the moment

by Taylor Swantek (12)

The school year started with high energy and excitement. The teachers help students understand who God is by having Bible lessons every morning, and our students take turns visiting an assisted living facility to serve the people there. Each year is full of challenges, blessings, and lots of learning.

– Mrs. Verna Zaruba

Below: Elementary students **Riley Schreiber (4)**, **Landen Leonard (3)**, and **Alexis Perry (K)** eagerly watch **Keagan Jewell (12)** as he weighs their container for a project during Math Day. Several of **Mr. Andy Falk**'s high school math students put on Math Day for the elementary and junior high.

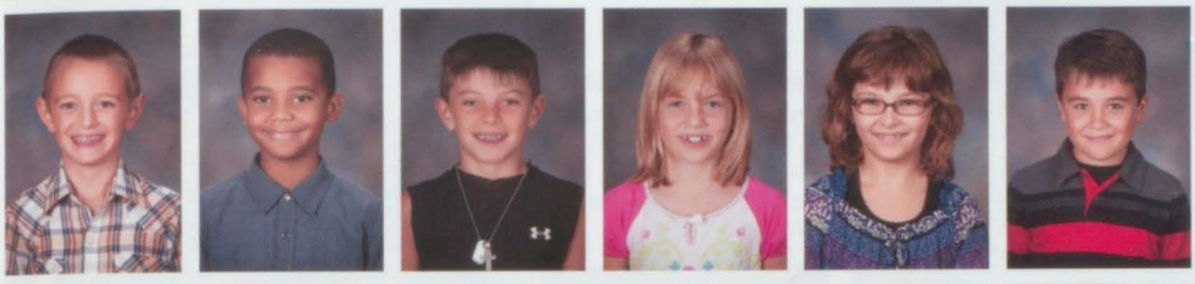
Below: **Alyssa Wostrel (2)** and **Alyssa Springer (2)** sit down to read a book together to **Keegan Francl (12)**, **Mrs. Verna Zaruba**'s teacher's aide. The second grade students read aloud to someone each day to practice their reading skills.

Below: **Gabe Langemeier (4)**, **Tyler Cumpston (5)**, and **McKenna Leonard (6)** sing in the elementary choir at the Festival of Lessons and Carols. The children's choir is always one of the highlights of the festival.

Kaley Krug, P
Alyza Leonard, P
Trev McHargue, P
Grace Nockelby, P
Emily Perry, P
Abby Berck, K

Taya Mendez, K
Alexis Perry, K
Mykah Robbins, K
Beretta Webb, K
Caleb Whalen, K
Kenai Butler, 1

Julia Merchant, 1
Anna Jenkins, 2
Alyssa Springer, 2
Ruger Webb, 2
Alyssa Wostrel, 2
Rachel Hale, 3



Landen Leonard, 3
Christopher Medlock, 3
Tylor Mendez, 3
Kylie Merchant, 3
Faith Springer, 3
Christian Strobel, 3

Gabe Langemeier, 4
Sarah Lasso, 4
Marlie Mundt, 4
Riley Schreiber, 4
Wesley Wostrel, 4
Malachi Zaruba, 4

Connor Broman, 5
Tyler Cumpston, 5
Zachary Egeland, 5
Aidan Feely, 5
Molly Griess, 5
Shelby McHargue, 5

Sidney McHargue, 5
Thomas Mendez, 5
Ethan Merchant, 5
Amy Springer, 5
Chantz Stuhmer, 5
Alyssa Broman, 6

McKenna Leonard, 6
Carl Mundt, 6
Dakota Springer, 6
Grant Stuhmer, 6
Alexandra Wostrel, 6
Tobias Zaruba, 6
Not Pictured: Cierra Dringman, 5

equipping students

by Keegan Francl (12)

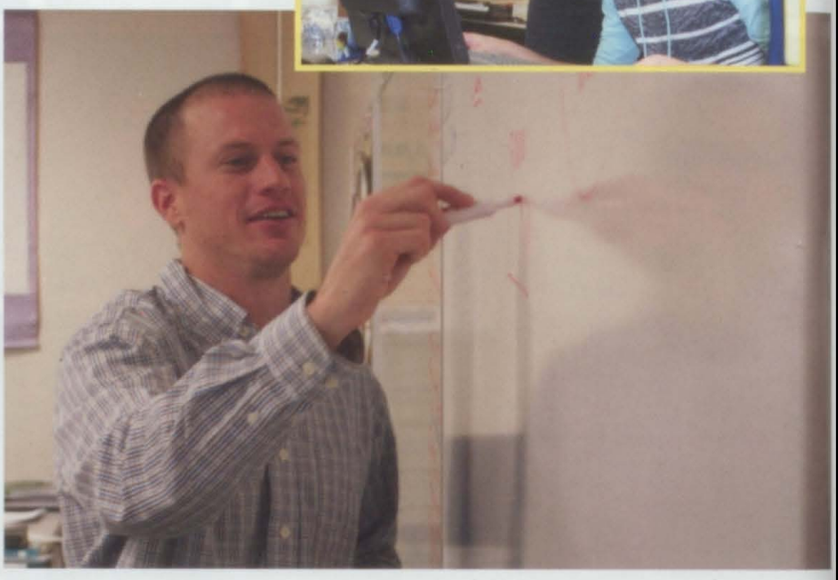
Try different activities and challenge yourself by taking classes that stretch you. Don't just do activities your friends are in. Register for difficult classes. Also, don't forget to serve others. Don't just be a taker; find ways to be a giver through mentoring, helping others, and being an encourager.

-Mr. Josh Cumpston

Below: **Mr. Mike Flynn** plays the trumpet with his student **Jamie Myers (7)** during pep band at a volleyball game. Flynn said, *"I usually play to fill a part where the pep band is weak and needs shoring up, but whenever I play, whatever instrument, I play for the Lord and have a great time doing it!"*

Below: **Mr. Mark Leonard** helps **Andrew Winsterman (10)** with his presentation in Computer II class. The "Who Am I" presentation was a class favorite.

Below: **Mr. Clay Mankin** plays a review game with his Geography class before a test. Mankin made it a ritual to play a review game before every test.



Michele Boutin, cook
Harold Cook, custodian
Josh Cumpston, superintendent, Bible
Tom Dockweiler, business manager, bus driver
Terry Elge, wrestling
Andy Falk, math, Bible

Ruth Ferris, librarian
Dee Flynn, girls' dorm (1st sem.), science, math, quiz bowl coach
Kaity Flynn, girls' dorm (2nd sem.), ESL
Mike Flynn, girls' dorm (1st sem.), music
Stephani Francl, director of development
David Gee, industrial technology

Gil Glad, public relations
Alexis Gulbranson, cook
Karmen Hamer, English, drama
Jody Heuermann, foundation director
Cheryl Hilderbrand, cook
Roy Hilderbrand, custodian

Barb Hoff, ESL, English
Larry Hoff, Director of International Programs, ESL
Daurice Hower, program assistant, elementary PE and art, bus driver
Steve James, guidance counselor, bus driver
Rachel Jewell, boys' dorm
Tim Jewell, boys' dorm, bus driver, cook

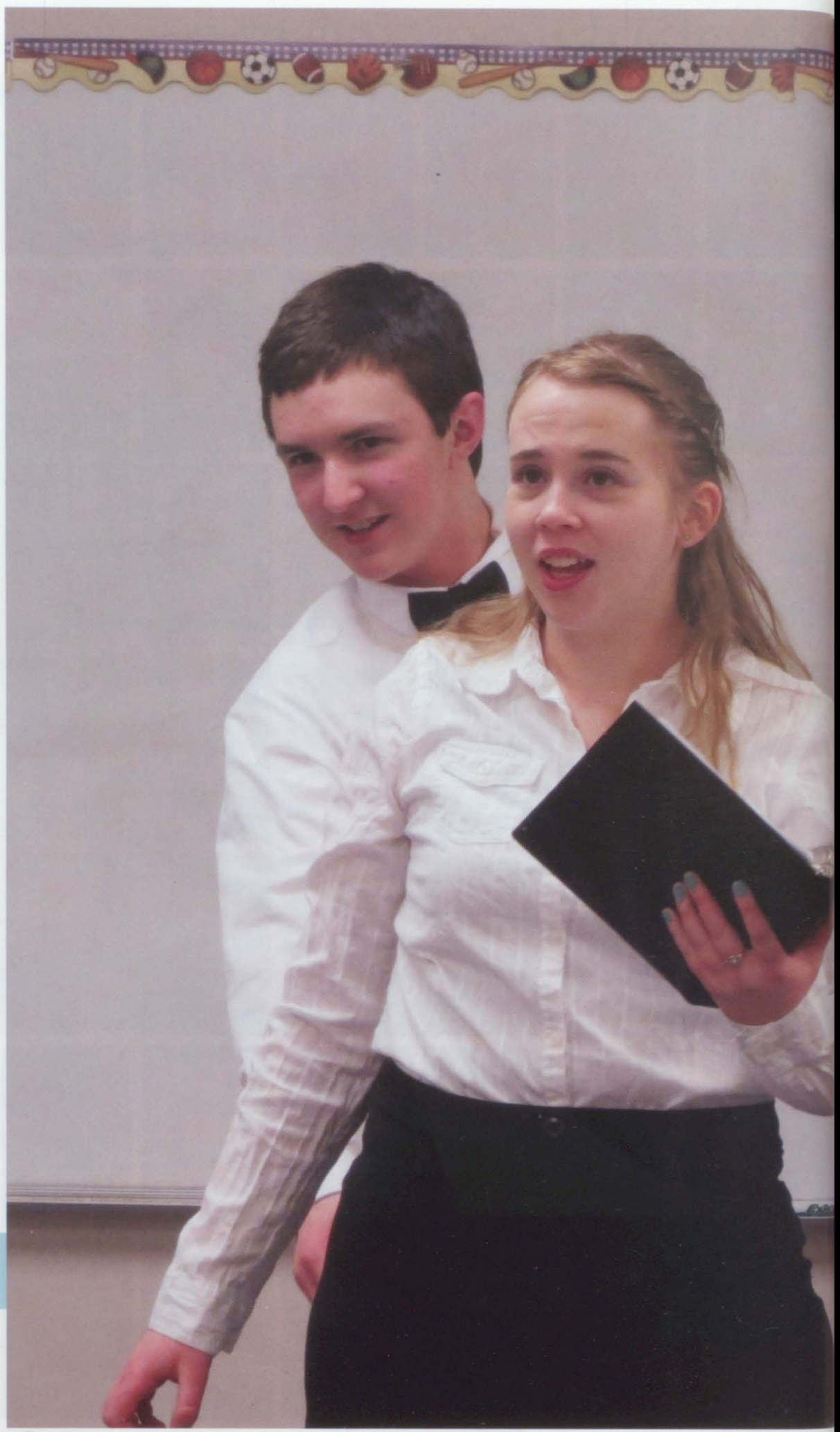
Renate Johansen, art (2nd sem.)
Gib Killion, assistant to the international program director, Bible
Anna Kirby, Cook
Kathy Kirby, head cook, bus driver
Janet Landrigan, cross country
Kristy Langemeier, special events coordinator

Deana Leonard, preschool, art (1st sem.), special events assistant
Mark Leonard, business, computer, media, boys' basketball
Clay Mankin, social studies, Bible, weights
Karen Miotke, business office secretary
Tara Mundt, math, science
Janelle Murphy, elementary aide (1st sem.)

Trish Murphy, elementary aide (2nd sem.)
Richard Musgrave, Bible, service coordinator
Sara Musgrave, Spanish II
Jennifer Ortiz, custodian
Carl Ostrand, social studies, Bible, football, track, bus driver
Tonya Ostrand, Spanish, PE, volleyball

Becky Ritta, communications, yearbook
Robert Ritta, maintenance and food services director
Susan Ritta, executive secretary
Denise Schreiber, 3rd & 4th
Larry Schreiber, guidance counselor, activities director, PE
Wendy Schweitzer, cook

Charissa Smith, 5th & 6th, speech
Cheryl Smith, elementary aide
Janice Stuhmer, FCS, English, art, junior high head teacher
Gordon Thiessen, chapel coordinator, girls' basketball
Patty Welk, elementary librarian, resource
Verna Zaruba, kindergarten-2nd, elementary head teacher



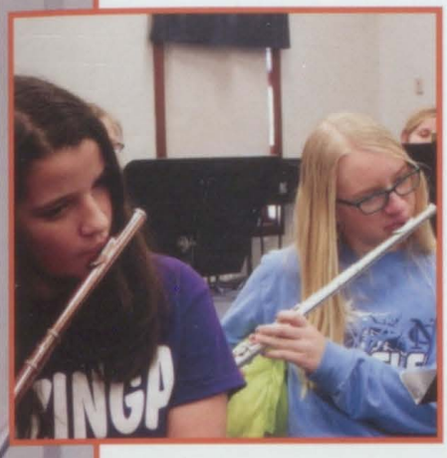
Top right: **CJ Ruybalid (12)** explains his article to **Hope Baldwin (12)** during Media. Media members were assigned articles about the school that were posted on the school's blog.

Middle right: **Amy Hilderbrand (7)** and **Jayden Leonard (7)** intently focus on their music during band class. This year the band was awarded a "1" at both conference and district music.

Bottom right: In character, **Anna Musgrave (9)**, **Katie Nyberg (9)**, and **Wendy Bornmann (10)** discuss their play. This year, the drama team performed a One Act about the mishaps of a dress rehearsal.

Right: **Cole Ruybalid (10)** and **Hannah Ritta (12)** portray a strange couple falling in love at the annual speech showcase. *The Tale of Willie Monroe* was an OID based on a tall tale, and the group members enjoyed getting into character.

treasuring the memories



Going from class to class and activity to activity throughout the day consumes the free time of most students. But activities are where memories are made and cherished. **Christina Bailey (11)** said *"My favorite thing about drama was when we acted out silent movies."* Despite the stressfulness of preparing for a One Act competition, the drama class successfully incorporated fun and laughter into their daily practices.

Band was another area where students made memories they will treasure. **Lydia Langemeier (9)** said, *"I thought it was cool that we got a one at Districts, and [I enjoyed] playing 'How to Train Your Dragon.'"*

For many people, treasure is defined as silver and gold or costly gems, but for others, memories are just as valuable, if not more so. The memories we share today are the ones that we will hold onto for the rest of our lives. They're precious to us, and, like all precious things, we treasure them.

-Hannah Ritta (12)

making news

by Taylor Swantek (12)

Join digital media because it is a fun experience to be heard on Striv TV and to have your blogs put up on the school website. Just make sure you stay on task and work hard.

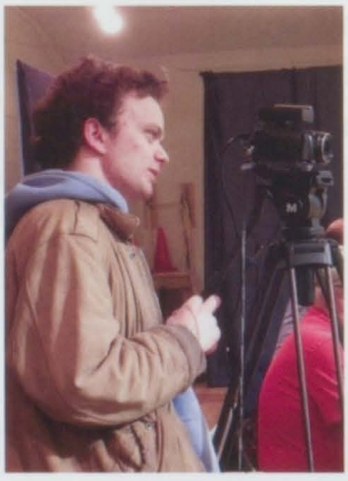
-Levi Elge (12)

Below: *Media Class.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Hope Baldwin (12), Taylor Van Pelt (12), Madison Fuehrer (11). Row 2: Andrew Sack (12), Chris Hilderbrand (12) Mr. Mark Leonard, CJ Ruybalid (12), Levi Elge (12).

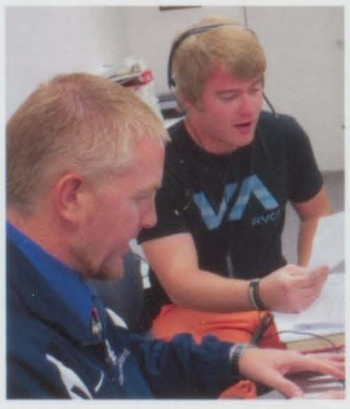
Below Middle: The media students work on their blog articles and discuss all the events that go on around campus from week to week. It was always fun to see what they chose to write about each week.

Below: **Taylor Van Pelt (12)** holds the microphone while **Adrian Epp (12)**, **Matthew Swanson (12)**, **Jeremiah Ebel (10)**, **Dillon Rose (11)**, and **Levi Elge (12)** record a jingle for the "Celebrate My Drive" introduction video. The media class pulled several choir students from study hall to help sing the jingle. The video was used to encourage students to vote for Nebraska Christian during the contest.

Above: **CJ Ruybalid (12)** and **Taylor Van Pelt (12)** record a commercial for Striv. This year the digital media class and yearbook class sold ads together, offering a package deal for an ad in the yearbook and a commercial during events that are live streamed.

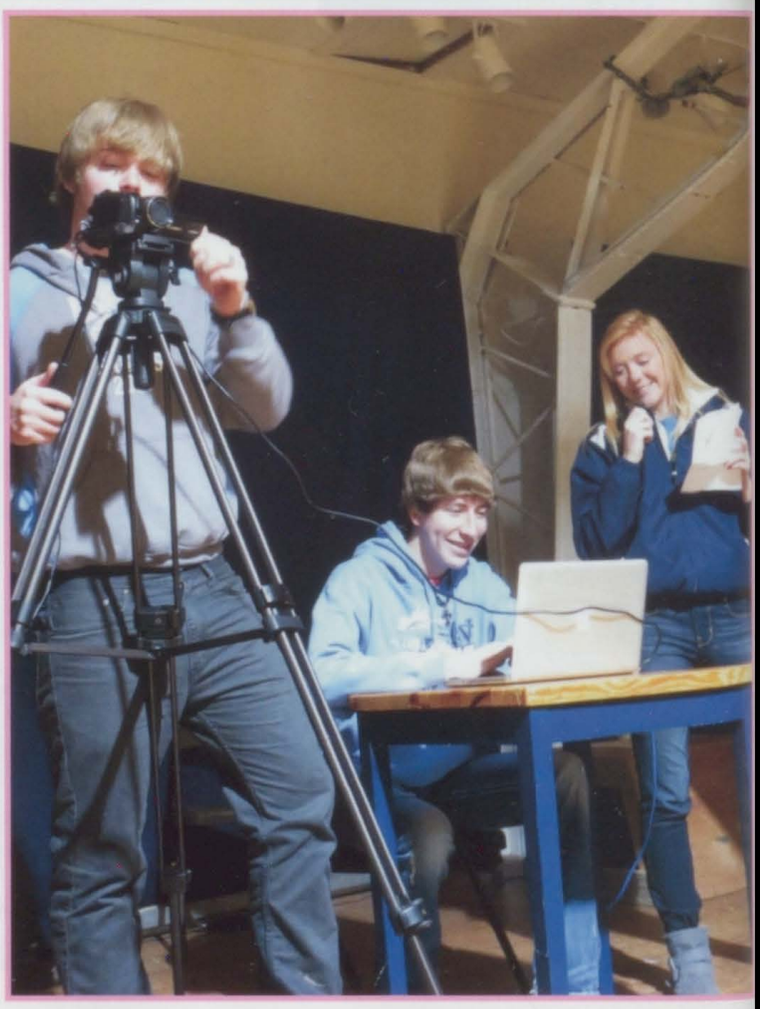


Above Right: **Chris Hilderbrand (12)** films a home basketball game against Shelby-Rising City. Media students took turns running the camera and computer for Striv.



Right: **Mr. Mark Leonard** and **Levi Elge (12)** record a video for "Celebrate My Drive." The media class did a lot of promotion for this contest, which was sponsored by State Farm.

Far Right: **Levi Elge (12)**, **Andrew Sack**, **(12)** and **Taylor Van Pelt (12)** help set up Striv TV in the gym. Every home game or big event at NC is captured on Striv for people that are unable to make it to the events to watch on their computers.



Far Left: **Sharina Boutin (11)** takes a picture of **Matthew Myers (11)** and **Dillon Rose (11)** for possible use on her junior page. Photography is always a very important part of the yearbook, but it was even more important this year as the staff chose to focus the theme around photography instead of writing.

Left: **Maddie Kirby (12)** and **Brittany Ritta (12)** work diligently on their assigned pages for the yearbook. Ritta had a few pages but was mainly the photographer for second semester.This helped the staff get good pictures for the pages.

Left: **ShayeLeigh Cooper (12)** sketches a cover idea on the white board. The cover is always one of the most challenging aspects of the yearbook because it is the first thing people see when they get their book.

Above: *Yearbook Staff.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: ShayeLeigh Cooper (12), Hannah Ritta (12), Sharina Boutin (11), Hannah Mead (12). Row 2: Keegan Francl (12), Taylor Swantek (12), Brittany Ritta (12), Maddie Kirby (12). Not pictured: Adviser Becky Ritta.

Above right: **Hannah Ritta (12)** works on the Quiz Bowl page during yearbook class. The yearbook team refers to the past year's yearbook often when creating a new book. This helps them organize pages and make sure they don't copy anything directly.

Above: **Sharina Boutin (11)**, **Miss Becky Ritta**, **Hannah Ritta (12)**, and **Maddie Kirby (12)** circle around Yearbook Sales Representative Keith McCoy as he explains a Photoshop tip. McCoy has been a great asset to the yearbook staff, helping with graphic elements and often designing the cover.

Above Middle: **Taylor Swantek (12)**, **Hannah Mead (12)**, and **ShayeLeigh Cooper (12)** discuss yearbook ideas and styles that go along with the theme. After the yearbook conference, the class always goes out for coffee and talks over ideas they liked for the upcoming yearbook. The past two years, the class has gone to 38th Street Coffee, a coffee shop in Swantek's church that provides a nice quiet environment to think over the day.

I would really encourage students to do yearbook because it is a great way to get involved with the school, and you have the chance to portray the whole school through the year in a book. Also if you're interested in yearbook, don't wait! The sooner you start the class, the more say that you have in the book as you work your way to your senior year.

-ShayeLeigh Cooper (12)

capturing moments

by Taylor Swantek (12)

making music

by Maddie Kirby (12) and Taylor Swantek (12)

Band is a good way to encourage underclassmen to do their best and strive to honor the Lord in everything they do.

~Brittany Ritta (12)

Below: *NC Band.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Lydia Langemeier (9), Morgan Schulze (10), Brittany Ritta (12), Amy Hilderbrand (7), Madison Felt (8), Elizabeth Smith (12), Jessica Hilderbrand (9), Kendyl Jividen (7), Jamie Myers (7). Row 2: Cory Ruybalid (7), Andrew Feely (9), Emily Simmons (12), Marilla Flynn (10), Bennett Zaruba (8), Sydney Fuehrer (8), Maddie Kirby (12), Katie Entz (10), Micah Smith (9). Row 3: Matt Myers (11), Joel Poppe (9), Juan Lasso (10), Seth Hower (7), Peyton Butler (7), Katie Nyberg (9), Jayden Leonard (7). Not Pictured: Wendy Bornmann (10), Cole Ruybalid (10).

Below: **Micah Smith (9)**, **Jamie Myers (7)**, **Sydney Fuehrer (8)**, and **Mr. Mike Flynn** play their trumpets together in band class during Homecoming week. The band worked hard and was dedicated to doing well despite the chaos of Homecoming.

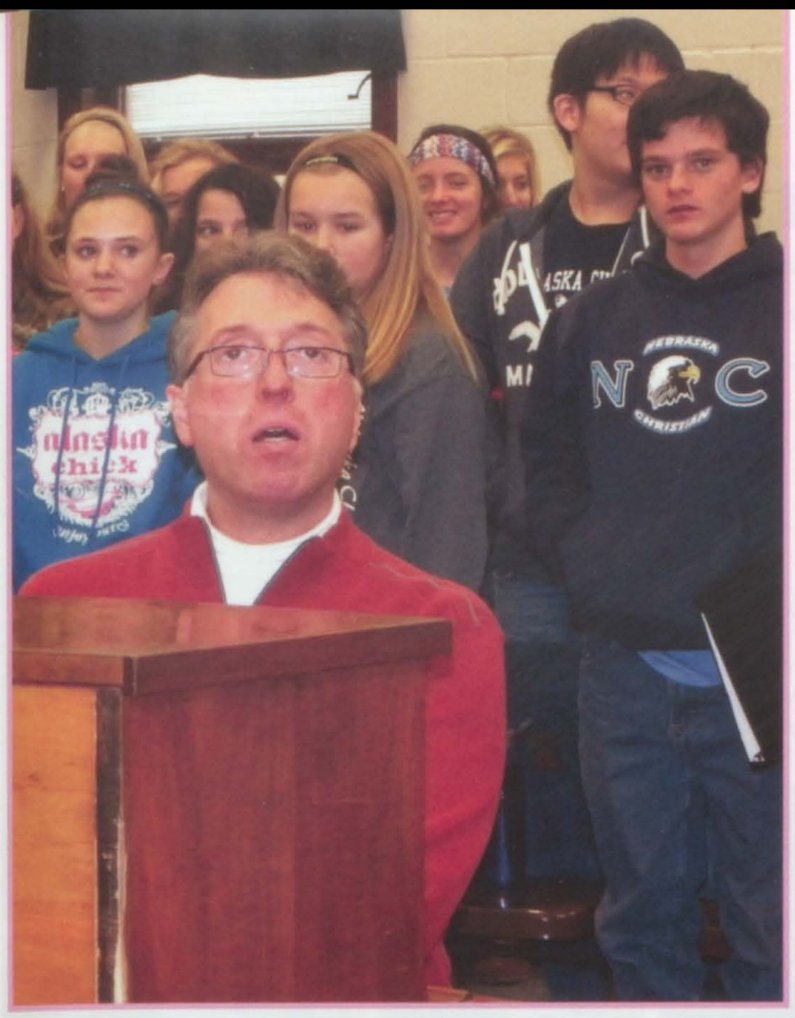
Below Middle: **Seth Hower (7)**, **Emily Simmons (12)**, **Mr. Mike Flynn**, **Matthew Myers (10)**, **Adrian Epp (12)**, and **Jamie Myers (7)** play pep band during a home game. The pep band was faithful to play at every home football, volleyball, and basketball game during the year.

Above (clockwise from top left): **Liz Smith (12)**, **Brittany Ritta (12)**, **Maddie Kirby (12)**, **Ethan Unruh (12)**, and **Adrian Epp (12)** pose for a picture at the Homecoming football game. These seniors brought great leadership to the band.

Above Right: **Jamie Myers (7)** and **Kendyl Jividen (7)** practice their clarinet duet for music contest. The two girls worked really hard to perfect this piece, and all the work paid off.

Right: **Maddie Kirby (12)** plays in a trumpet quartet with **Katie Entz (10)**, **Micah Smith (9)**, and **Sydney Fuehrer (8)** during the music showcase. They played a song called "Malaguena," and all seemed to enjoy working together to make music.

Far Right: **Morgan Schulze (10)** and **Brittany Ritta (12)**, practice prior to taking the band picture. Rehearsal time was very important to the band.



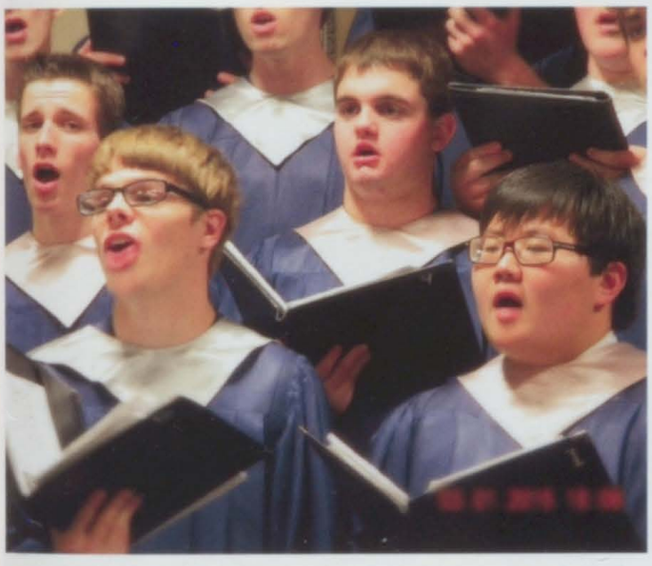
Far Left: Maestro Eric Knapp plays the piano as he works with the Nebraska Christian choir prior to the Festival of Lessons and Carols. Knapp has directed the choir for many years, and the students always learn a lot when he comes.

Left: **Marilla Flynn (10)** and **Taylor Swantek (12)** sing "Fisherman Peter, Follow Me" as a duet during the music showcase at the end of the year. At conference music contest, Swantek and Flynn received a perfect score on this duet, which was really encouraging to both singers.

Below Left: **Katie Entz (10)**, **Talitha Harrington (11)**, and **Hailee Broman (10)**, sing as Grand Island Free's worship pastor DeAundrae Clayton prepares the choir to lead worship at the church. The choir benefited from having people like Clayton and Maestro Knapp supplement **Mr. Mike Flynn**'s instruction.

Above: **Hannah Ritta (12)** chats with Orvil Hamer, the only living original NC board member, after the choir sang to him and the rest of the residents at a nursing home in Greeley. The choir enjoys going to nursing homes when they are on tour because the residents are always so appreciative of the music.

Above Right: **Marilla Flynn (10)**, **Matthew Myers (11)**, **Ethan Unruh (12)** and **Levi Elge (12)** get ready to leave for Lincoln to sing in the All-State choir. Being chosen for All-State was a great honor.



Above: **Jerod Prettyman (11)**, **Matthew Myers (11)**, **Timothy Hofmann (9)**, and **William Le (12)** sing to the Lord during choir tour. Year after year, students create lasting memories while on choir tour.

Above Middle: **Marilla Flynn (10)**, **Hailee Broman (10)**, **Wendy Bornmann (10)**, **Kaitlyn Hoppes (10)** and **Rachel Epp (10)** chat before the beginning of choir class. Choir is a class that is really fun at times, but it is one that needs to be taken seriously, too.

Note: The group choir picture can be found on page 88.

Choir is a great way to get involved with the school. It is always fun to use your abilities and talents to praise the God who made us. No matter how good or bad you are at singing, you can still praise our great God in all that you do.

~Taylor Swantek (12)

lifting our voices

by Maddie Kirby (12) and Taylor Swantek (12)

getting involved

by Hannah Ritta (12)

Do a lot for the school. Plan Pep rallies, and see what you can put in rather than what you can get out.
~Ethan Unruh (12)

Below: *Student Council.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Vice President William Le (12), Ethan Unruh (12), Treasurer Adrian Epp (12). Row 2: President Taylor Van Pelt (12), Claire Ostrand (9), Amber Mazankowski (12), Whitney Heuermann (11), Secretary Emily Simmons (12). Not pictured: Warren Dexter (12), Hope Baldwin (12), Marilla Flynn (10), Carsyn Ostrand (8), Jayden Leonard (7), Adviser Becky Ritta.

Above: **Whitney Heuermann (11)** and **Marilla Flynn (10)** help **Zachary Brock (12)** through the blood donation sign in process. The Red Cross Blood Drive gave the students the opportunity to save lives without leaving campus.

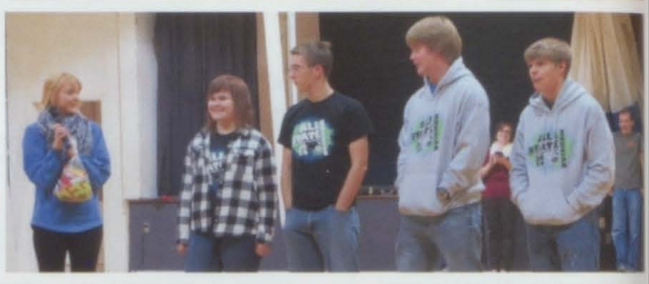
Above Right: Student Council President **Taylor Van Pelt (12)** recognizes wrestling state qualifiers **Jaydon Elge (10)**, **Jeremiah Ebel (10)**, and (not pictured) **Juan Lasso (10)**. The student council held send offs for most state qualifiers.

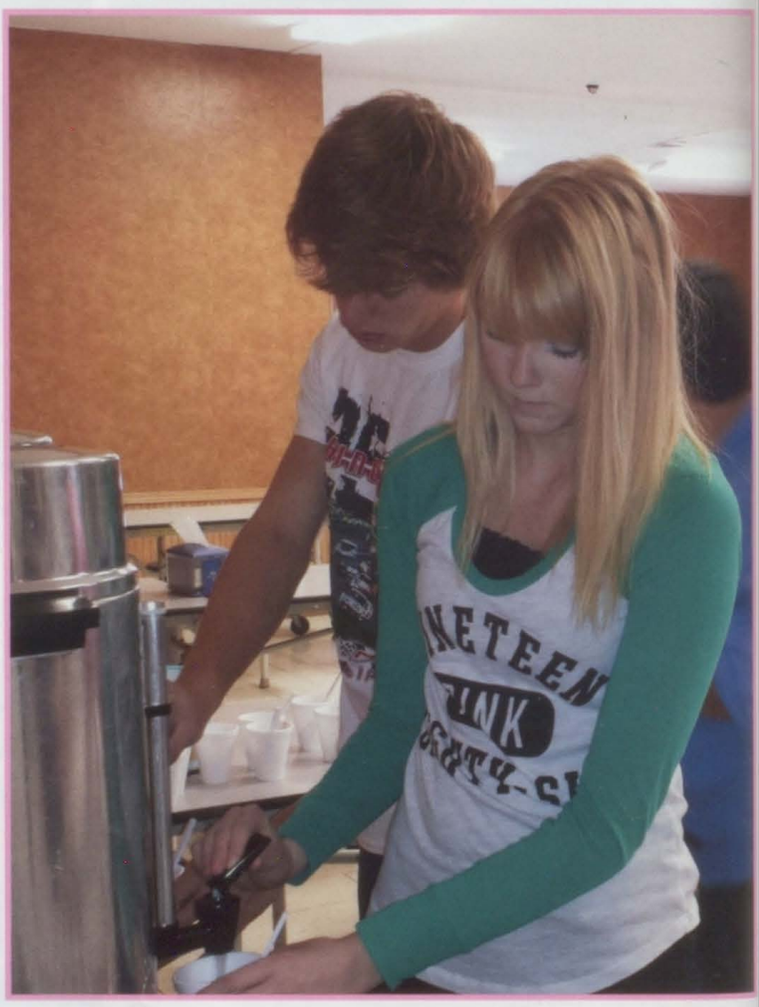
Right: **William Le (12)** nervously performs his election speech for the student body. Le was later elected student council vice president.

Far Right: **Warren Dexter (12)** and **Taylor Van Pelt (12)** prepare hot chocolate for the student body. The carol sing and hot chocolate social provided a nice break for students in the middle of the fall semester's finals week.

Below: **Emily Simmons (12)**, **Adrian Epp (12)**, and **William Le (12)** prepare Root Beer Floats for the annual ice cream social. The student council planned numerous fun activities throughout the school year.

Below Middle: Since the All-State musicians weren't recognized prior to the event, **Taylor Van Pelt (12)** presents **Marilla Flynn (10)**, **Ethan Unruh (12)**, **Levi Elge (12)**, and **Matthew Myers (11)** with some goodies to enjoy at the Winter Pep Rally. Van Pelt was good at finding creative prizes for those recognized.





Far Left: Members of the team converse during a bonus question. The bonus questions were given after the team gave a correct answer to a toss up question.

Left: **Adrian Epp (12)**, **Whitney Heuermann (11)** and other team members listen intently to a question. The team this year was careful of speaking only after they being recognized to avoid the competing team stealing the question.

Left: **Noah Dexter (11)** raises his hand, ready to answer a question. Practicing every week kept the team in "brain shape" for Conference and Districts.

Above: **Andrew Feely (9)**, **Marilla Flynn (10)**, **Noah Dexter (11)**, **Katie Cumpston (11)**, and **Whitney Heuermann (11)** listen to the judge reading a toss up question. Toss up questions must be answered during the given time period of fifteen seconds by one of the teams.

Above Middle: Senior High Quiz Bowl members are recognized during the February Pep Rally. The recognizing of teams gave encouragement to the members as they continued on in their seasons and competitions.

Above: *Junior and Senior High Quiz Bowl Teams.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Jake Twogood (8), Benjamin Janssen (8), Cody Griess (8), Sydney Fuehrer (8), Jayden Leonard (7), Lauren Feely (7). Row 2: Jackson Stebbing (7), Trevor Cumpston (8), Jon Dockweiler (8), Alison Winsterman (8). Row 3: High School Coach Dee Flynn, Danae Burdett (9), Marilla Flynn (10), Katie Cumpston (11), Hannah Ritta (12), Kyle Kim (9). Row 4: Adrian Epp (12), Andrew Feely (9), Whitney Heuermann (11), Noah Dexter (11), Albert Yang (11), Junior High Coach Tara Mundt.

Above Right: Student Council members **Adrian Epp (12)** and **Warren Dexter (12)** ask the junior high team about their favorite question at Conference. Both the junior and senior high teams brought home first place trophies.

It's very easy to be proud of what you know when you're in Quiz Bowl. However, this can easily take away from the fun because you make it about yourself.

~Adrian Epp (12)

learning humility

by Hannah Ritta (12)

express yourself

by Hannah Ritta (12)

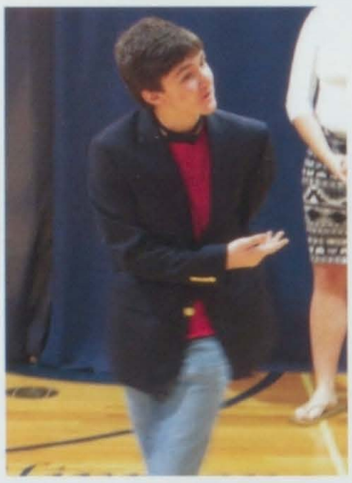
Drama is where you express yourself. This is a skill that you will carry with you throughout life.
~Hannah Ritta (12)

Below: *Drama Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Christina Bailey (11), Hannah Ritta (12), Taylor Van Pelt (12), Katie Nyberg (9), Marilla Flynn (10), Reagan Williams (10), Joel Poppe (9), Juan Lasso (10), Chau Nguyen (12). Row 2: Jessica Hilderbrand (9), Alyssa Prettyman (10), Danae Burdett (9), Cheyenne Glines (9), Kaitlyn Hoppes (10), Janie Mousel (10), Wendy Bornmann (10), Jeremiah Ebel (10), Grace Wu (10), Coach Karmen Hamer. Row 3: Lydia Langemeier (9), Cameron Langemeier (11), Chris Hilderbrand (12), Micah Smith (9). Andrew Feely (9), Anna Musgrave (9), Makenna Loy (11), Daniel Myers (9), Cole Ruybalid (10). Not Pictured: Madison Fuehrer (11), Brittany Ritta (12).

Below: **Marilla Flynn (10)** as Paulina and **Cameron Langemeier (11)** as Timothy proudly look on as **Juan Lasso (10)** as Parker laughs hysterically. The act of teens portraying adults added even more humor to the performance.

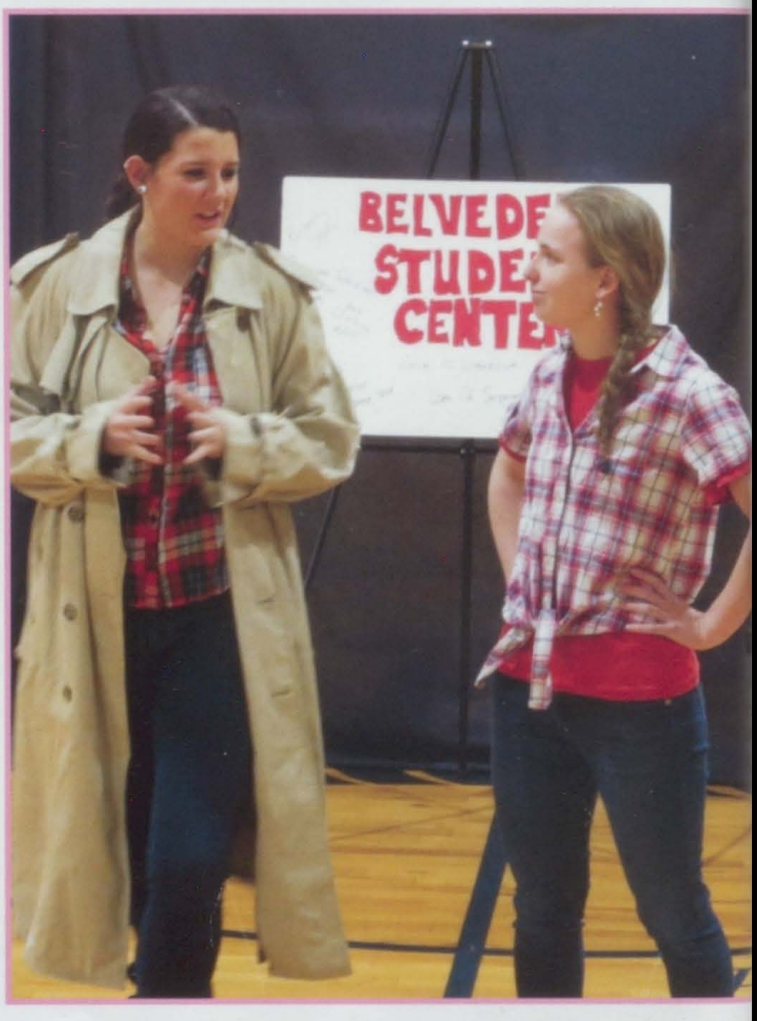
Below Middle: The whole cast closes their eyes as **Anna Musgrave (9)** as Ms. Wiggins calms them down. Ms. Wiggins' wisdom often brought stability to the characters.

Above: **Anna Musgrave (9)** playing Ms Wiggins, tries to understand as her grandson Parker, played by **Juan Lasso (10)**, tries to explain to her who he is. Ms. Wiggins' numerous appearances often sent the audience into fits of laughter.



Above Right: **Cole Ruybalid (10)** as Nick bows to the audience as he shares another memory. The numerous memory breaks brought a sense of stability within all the chaos.

Right: **Jessica Hilderbrand (9)** and **Lydia Langemeier (9)** prepare to perform their flute and clarinet duet. The duet brought a musical note to the drama performance.



Far Right: **Makenna Loy (11)** as Professor What explains to Rosamie, played by **Christina Bailey (11)**, how to speak with a perfect English accent. Bailey's spurts of random accents brought even more humor to the performance.

Far Left: **Wendy Bornmann (10)** and **MaKenna Loy (11)** perform their state-qualifying OID. Bornmann played a young reporter who, while investigating a system for treating the insane, ended up locked in with the inmates.

Left: **Taylor Van Pelt (12)** celebrates after being crowned extemporaneous champion at the Minden speech meet. Winning at Minden is one of the regular season goals for many team members because winners receive Burger King crowns in addition to their medals.

Left: Portraying a nearly blind yet incredibly strong old woman, **Jessica Hilderbrand (9)** scoffs at the idea that **Cole Ruybalid**'s **(10)** Willie Monroe could win a strong man competition. In addition to her role in the OID, Hilderbrand wrote a persuasive speech on abortion that qualified for the state meet.

Above: *Speech Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Chau Nguyen (12), Trang Doan (10), Jessica Hilderbrand (9), Marilla Flynn (10), Madi Fuehrer (11). Row 2: Skyler Qu (11), Isabella Yang (11), Alicia Kim (10), Christina Bailey (11), Hannah Ritta (12), William Le (12), John Tran (12). Row 3: Head Coach Charissa Smith, Grace Wu (10), Taylor Van Pelt (12), Wendy Bornmann (10), Cole Ruybalid (10), Assistant Coach Becky Ritta. Row 4: Assistant Coach Ruth Ferris, Morgan Schulze (10), Makenna Loy (11), Katie Nyberg (9), Brittany Ritta (12), Chris Hilderbrand (12).

Above Right: Explaining how to deal with emotional people, **Marilla Flynn (10)** presents her entertainment speech to the audience at the speech showcase. Flynn saw much success with her speech throughout the season, and she qualified for the state meet.

bove: **Chris Hilderbrand (12)** performs his poetry program. Hilderbrand's program was comprised of Edgar Allen Poe's lesser-nown poetry, and as the season progressed, Hilderbrand's rogram became more and more affecting.

bove Middle: During the state speech send off, qualifiers **sabella Yang (11)**, **Skyler Qu (11)**, **Grace Wu (10)**, **Alicia Kim 11)**, **Jessica Hilderbrand (9)**, **Christina Bailey (11)**, **MaKenna oy (11)**, **Wendy Bornmann (10)**, and **Marilla Flynn (10)** react **John Tran**'s **(12)** description of his speech.The Eagles took 12 tudents to state speech, the largest number in recent years.

Being on the speech team has given me confidence and a voice that I will use for the rest of my life. My only regret is that my first season was also my last.

~Chris Hilderbrand (12)

gaining confidence

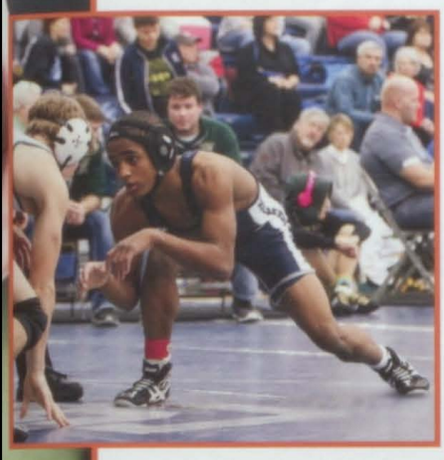
by Hannah Ritta (12)

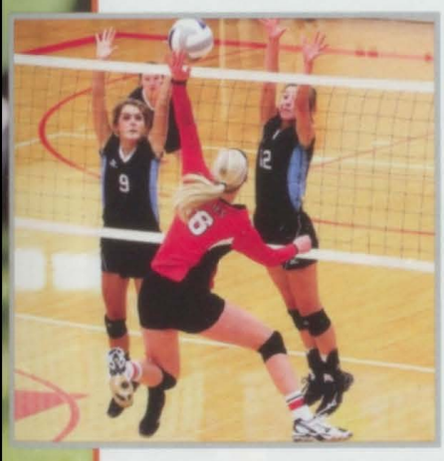
Top right: **Claire Ostrand (9)** drives up for a lay up in a game against Burwell. The girls took home the win with a 53-41 victory.

Middle right: **Jeremiah Ebel (10)** gets into his stance before his match starts. Ebel was one of the three wrestlers who qualified for the state meet in 2015.

Bottom right:**Tara Murphy (11)** and **Cassidy Ostrand (11)** go up for a block against their opponent.The girls dominated the season, bringing in the most wins in Nebraska Christian volleyball history.

Right: **Cameron Langemeier (11)** and **Jerron Tiemeyer (12)** run at the Kearney Invite. These longtime teammates had endurance and a drive to run that helped push each other through each race.





embracing our abilities

This year Nebraska Christian teams did exceptionally well in sports. Not only did they embrace their abilities as individuals, but as teams. Like the parable in the Bible, Jesus gives us talents, and it's every individual's job to go out and invest those talents that they have been given. When Children of God don't use their abilities for God's glory they are being like the foolish man that goes and buries his talents. The junior high and early high school years are the best opportunity for you to find what your talents are and how to apply them.

It's important to embrace the opportunity that God and the school has given to use talents to glorify God, not just because you want to look good for other people. **Jeremiah Ebel (10)** said, *"God gave us the abilities we have. He blessed us with speed and our strength. You can't just be prideful of the things you have. It's Gods blessings to you for the purpose of Honoring Him."*

It is so important to compete with a heart focused on doing your best for Christ. **Alexis Hower (11)** said, *"When I focus on God instead of myself, my view of everything I compete in completely changes. I am no longer competing for prizes on earth or glory for myself; I am competing for God and for Him alone. He is the only thing that matters. Competing for Him allows me to shine as a light and further His kingdom."*

NC's students learn a lot through academics, but athletics teach students a lot as well. When we focus on Christ in all we do, it makes things more fun and has a heavenly reward.

-Keegan Francl (12) and **Taylor Swantek (12)**

"The biggest thing I learned this season was when something goes wrong to just shake it off and keep trying because every play is a new play."
-Logan Faeh (11)

"This season I really liked that even though we had some tough losses, they brought us closer as a team and made us stronger for the games we had left."
-Dillon Rose (11)

"My favorite part of this season was when we faced hard times and stood up to the challenges."
-Trevor Swanson (11)

Below: Sophomore **Andrew Winsterman #11** runs the football down the field as sophomore **Benny Stevens #44** and senior **Keagan Jewell #5** attempt to block the defender. Winsterman scored eight points during the loss to Howells-Dodge with a touchdown and a two point conversion.

Above: The Nebraska Christian offense huddles up and listens for the next offensive play given by **Assistant Coach David Gee**. Gee said, "I have always enjoyed watching young men learn teamwork - The idea that 'The whole is the sum of the parts.'Everyone is important."

Above: Juniors **Trevor Swanson #22** and **Logan Faeh #2** make a defensive tackle on a High Plains Junior Varsity player with assistance from freshman **Luke Swanson #89**. The Junior Varsity Eagles pulled out a win against High Plains and ended the season with a 2-2 record.

Right: During the Howells-Dodge game, freshman **Luke Swanson #89** and sophomore **Tommy Flynn #99** hold the line as sophomore **Benny Stevens #44** makes a mid air catch and gains more yards to get closer to the end zone. In the end Nebraska Christian lost the game 26-40.

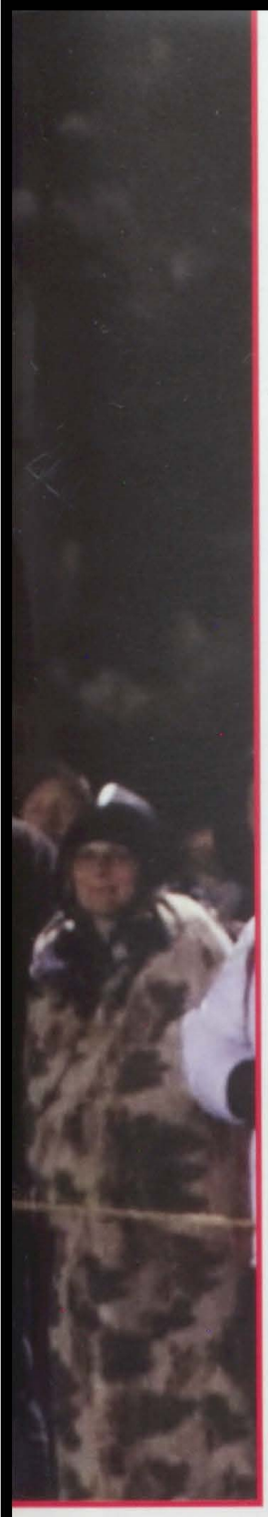
Right:Sophomore **Benny Stevens #44** and seniors **Matthew Swanson #32** and **Carson Huenefeld #24** play defense against the Clarkson-Leigh Patriots. The Eagles' defense was strong all year and helped them end the season with a 67-42 victory over the Patriots.

rising above

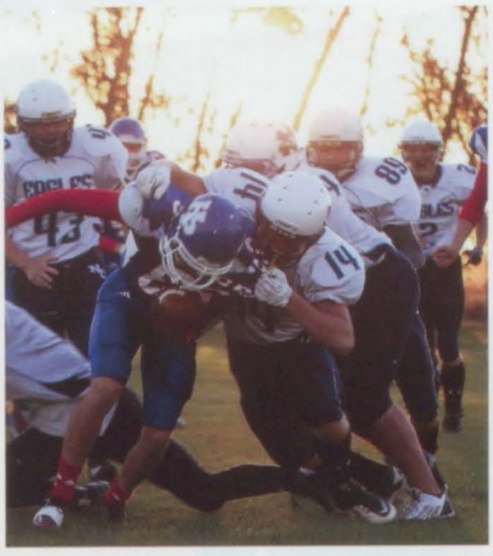
by Taylor Swantek (12)

Be a leader in any way you can. You don't have to be a vocal leader to be a leader by example. The best kind of leader you can be is a spiritual one. You don't have to be the best player or even play a lot to be a good spiritual leader. Grow in the most important relationship, that is your relationship with Jesus Christ, and the leadership will come with it.

Keagan Jewell (12)



Left: Senior **Keagan Jewell #5** makes an impressive interception as senior **Carson Huenefeld #24** prepares to guard Jewell as he runs toward the end zone. Jewell was the starting quarterback for three years but also played safety on defense. He was a great team leader and encourager even when the pressure was on and the stakes were high.



Below left: Junior **Dillon Rose #14** makes a tackle on the High Plains JV offensive player, with the Nebraska Christian defensive line backing him up.**Head Coach Carl Ostrand** said, "The JV team made great strides of improvement and came together as a team over the season."

The football team this year was very successful considering the circumstances. The team had one of the toughest schedules in the district and was victorious in its efforts. Nebraska Christian enrollment is high enough that the team should be playing eleven-man football; it is not eligible for the playoffs. For the past two years , the team was in a grace period that allowed playoff eligibility, but this year the team became ineligible.

Though the hope of the playoffs was off the table, the team members decided to make each game they were able to play in count and give God all the glory, whether win or lose. The team ended the season with a 5-3 record, finishing strong despite the circumstances.

-Taylor Swantek (12)

W	28-22 East Butler
L	28-60 Heartland
W	48-18 Nebraska Lutheran
W	60-34 Cedar Bluffs
L	26-40 Howells-Dodge
L	36-56 Fullerton
W	52-32 Humphrey/Holy Family
W	67-42 Clarkson-Leigh

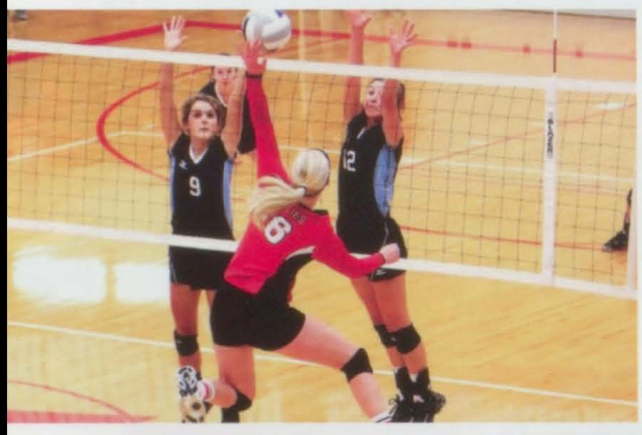
Above: *Football Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Zach Brock (12), Matthew Swanson (12), Carson Huenefeld (12), Keagan Jewell (12), Myles Wheeler (12), Nathan Griess (12). Row 2: Tommy Flynn (10), Trevor Swanson (10), Logan Faeh (11), Dillon Rose (11), Taylor Morris (10), Andrew Winsterman (10). Row 3: Ben Griess (9), Daniel Myers (9), Samuel Twogood (9), Luke Swanson (9), Tim Hofmann (9), Joel Kaczor (9). Row 4: Andrew Feely (9), Benny Stevens (10), Carson Falk (11), Joel Poppe (9), Richard Zhao (9). Row 5: Head Coach Carl Ostrand, Assistant Coach Andy Falk, Coach's Aide Levi Landrigan. Not pictured: Assistant Coach David Gee.

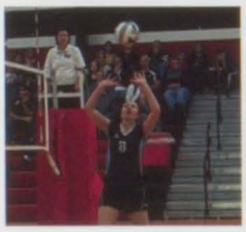
"I loved beating Aquinas at sub-districts! It was so exciting and high-energy. The student section was awesome!"
-Tara Murphy (11)

"Out of all four years of my high school career, this year was definitely my favorite. Our team became really close and the fans were very supportive."
-Emily Simmons (12)

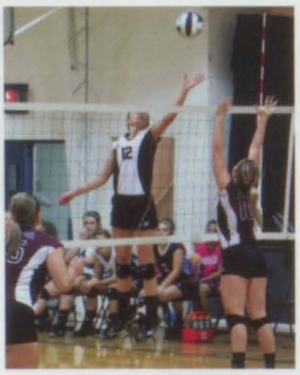
"It was a great season on and off the court. We were very successful, and I had so much fun!"
-Whitney Heuermann (11)

Below: **Tara Murphy (11)** and **Cassidy Ostrand (11)** attempt to block a hit. Murphy improved a lot this year and was a great help to the team.





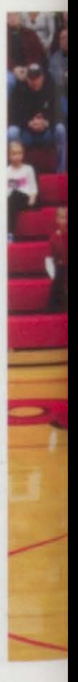
Above: **Alexis Hower (11)** takes the spin off the ball and puts up a great set. Hower had a great season in her first year as Varsity setter.



Above: **Cassidy Ostrand (11)** gets high off of the floor as she approaches to tip the ball over. Ostrand was named a Class C-2 All-State and All-Heartland 3rd team player. She had an amazing season and played a crucial role as an outside hitter.

Right: The team comes together to celebrate an excellent win over David City Aquinas. This sub district win put the team into district finals.

Right: **Amber Mazankowski (12)** and **Emily Simmons (12)** create a strong wall and block a violent attack. Simmons performed well this season as a right side hitter.



better than ever

by Hannah Mead (12)

Be Beast! This takes a lot of time and effort! My word of advice would be to work relentlessly hard, take a moment just to breathe, give thanks to God—whether you win or lose—and tell others about the love of Jesus.

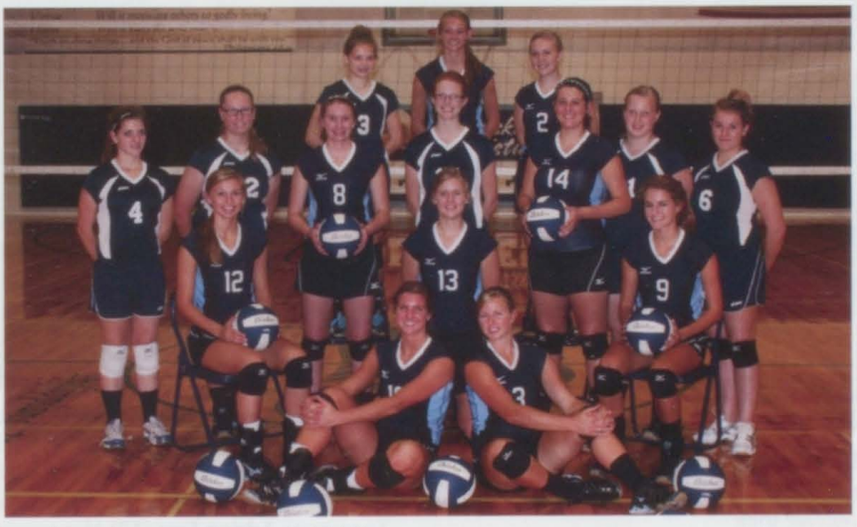
-Amber Mazankowski (12)

This year the volleyball team showed an amazing amount of talent. For the first time in school history, the girls were Goldenrod Conference Champions. They also made it to the district championship game. It was a very exciting season, and each game kept everyone on their toes. They girls ended with a 27-5 record and never stopped improving. Of the season, Head Coach Tonya Ostrand said, *"This year [God] blessed us immensely throughout the season. We had no injuries and little depth (only nine players on Varsity), but the girls got along and worked hard. We did have a few bumps in the road, but the girls learned to work through adversity and did a better job this year of not falling apart when things didn't go their way. Our theme, especially for the post season was: Trust the Lord, trust your teammates, and trust your training. I am proud of the girls and what they were able to accomplish."*

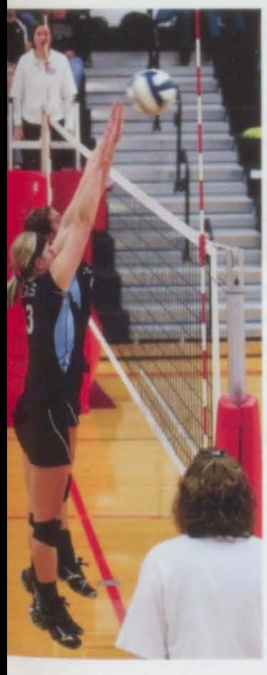
-Hannah Mead (12)

Above left: **Amber Mazankowski (12)** aggressively attacks the ball from the back row. Mazankowski had an incredible senior season as a middle hitter, and she will join the Central Community College-Columbus team next year.

Left: **Amber Mazankowski (12), Whitney Heuermann (11), and Claire Ostrand (9)** are ecstatic as they advance another point after a great kill. In her first season of her high school career, Ostrand proved to be a valuable addition to the team.



Above: *Volleyball Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Amber Mazankowski (12), Emily Simmons (12). Row 2: Cassidy Ostrand (11), Whitney Heuermann (11) Tara Murphy (11). Row 3: Desiree Lutes (10), Morgan Schulze (10), Alexis Hower (11), Anna Musgrave (9), MaKenna Loy (11), Sarah Simmons (10), Wendy Bornmann (10). Row 4: Hailee Broman (10), Claire Ostrand (9), Reagan Williams (10).



W	2-1 Heartland Lutheran
W	2-0 Palmer
W	3-1 Nebraska Lutheran
W	3-0 High Plains
W	2-0 Burwell
W	2-0 Central Valley
W	2-0 Adams Central
L	0-2 Holdrege
W	2-0 Schuyler
W	2-0 Riverside
L	0-2 Elgin Pope John
W	2-0 Deshler
W	2-0 Mead
L	2-3 Centura
W	2-0 St. Francis
W	2-1 Heartland Lutheran
W	2-1 Fullerton
W	2-1 Spalding Academy
W	2-0 St. Edward
W	2-0 Osceola
W	2-0 High Plains
W	2-0 Elkhorn Valley
W	3-1 Palmer
W	3-0 Heartland Lutheran
W	3-0 Burwell
W	3-1 Arcadia/Loup City
W	2-0 Dorchester
W	2-0 Parkview Christian
W	3-1 East Butler
W	3-2 Aquinas
L	1-3 Sutton

"Even though the practices were hot and tiring, the popsicles made it well worth it."
-Jerron Tiemeyer (12)

"I loved being handed the state championship trophy and realizing that we accomplished the goals we set out to achieve."
-Warren Dexter (12)

"It was difficult this season to keep a positive outlook while dealing with setbacks."
-Katie Cumpston (11)

Below: The guys team kicks off the season right with great times at the popsicle run. (From right) **Warren Dexter (12)**, **Nolan Kohmetscher (11)**, **Adrian Epp (12)**, and **Jerod Prettyman (11)** were consistently among NC's top runners this season.

Above: The girls' team takes off strong from the starting line at districts. The girls had a great season and two runners, **Katie Cumpston (11)** and **Alyssa Prettyman (10)**, qualified for state.

Above: **Rachel Epp (10)** and **Katie Entz (10)** push themselves to receive their best times at the McCool Junction invitational. Epp had one of her best seasons so far.

Right: The boys' team focuses, waiting for the gun. They all finished very strong at the meet.

Right: **Warren Dexter (12)** and **Nolan Kohmetscher (11)** celebrate together after their successful race at the State Championship. Dexter finished 2nd and Kohmetscher followed close behind in 9th place. Teammate **Adrian Epp (12)** also received an individual medal for coming in 15th place.

return to the top

by Hannah Mead (12)

Do not glorify the past as though it is unattainable now, but strive to surpass the past. What is the purpose of records if not to inspire us to do better? But in all this do not let the pride of past glory and present strength become prevalent, for it will cause the glory to be a reproach, the strength to weaken in false assurance, and any joy which you ever had in that sport would wither and the very thought of it would bring disappointment and frustration.

-Adrian Epp (12)

Left: **Katie Cumpston (11)** prays with a competitor prior to the Class D girls' race. Cumpston is a three-time state cross country qualifier.

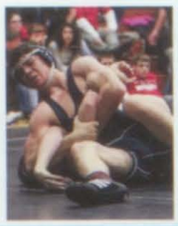
Left: *Girls' Cross Country Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Rachel Epp (10), Alyssa Prettyman (10). Row 2: Katie Entz (10), Katie Nyberg (9), Katie Cumpston (11). Not Pictured: Head Coach Janet Landrigan.

This season was a successful one for both the boys' and the girls' cross country teams. With a new group of runners added to the team this year, the team really did have to come together, and the older, more experienced runners helped the new team members. All of the hard work paid off this year as the boys' team, **Katie Cumpston (11)** and **Alyssa Prettyman (10)** all qualified for the state meet. The boys' team added another state championship (the third in five years), and the girls ran to the best of their ability to the glory of God.

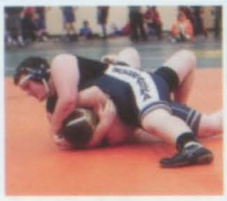
-Hannah Mead (12)

	Boys	Girls
Boone Central	1st	7th
Broken Bow	4th	5th
Central City	1st	5th
Boone Central	(no team scores)	
UNK	1st	7th
Hastings St. Cecelia	1st	3rd
McCool Junction	1st	3rd
D-2 Districts	1st	7th
State	1st	---

Above: *Boys' Cross Country Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Chris Hilderbrand (12), Martin Nguyen (11), Jerron Tiemeyer (12), Jerod Prettyman (11), Matt Myers (11). Row 2: Adrian Epp (12), Brennan Nokelby (9), Cameron Langemeier (11), Warren Dexter (12), Nolan Kohmetscher (11). Not Pictured: Head Coach Janet Landrigan.



"Placing at my first meet was the best part of the season. That and getting to eat after each weigh in."
-**Luke Swanson (9)**

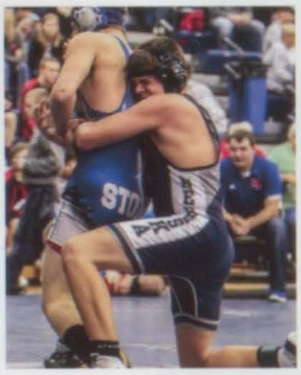


"Wrestling was challenging, but the after practice lifts every Monday were the hardest."
-**Tommy Flynn (10)**

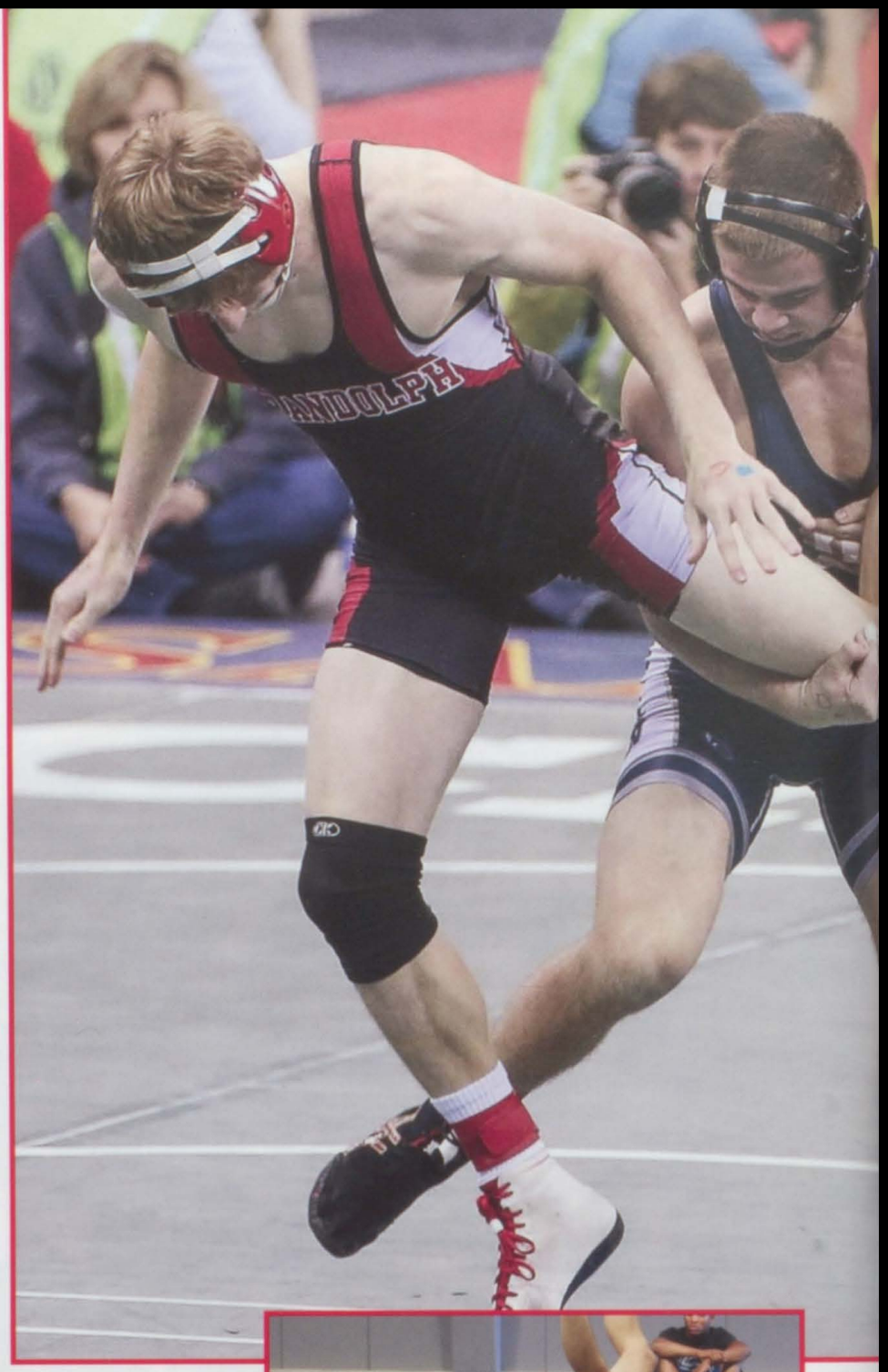
"It is almost shocking to me the amount of improvement I have made since last year. I have grown stronger in my defense and conditioning."
-**Juan Lasso (10)**

Below (clockwise from left): **Luke Swanson (10)**, **Tommy Flynn (10)**, **Andrew Feely (9)**, **Chase Tate (9)**, **Juan Lasso (10)**, **Assistant Coach Chris Schweitzer**, and **Assistant Coach Scott Griepenstroh** huddle up before beginning the meet. The team often started off the day with a team prayer.

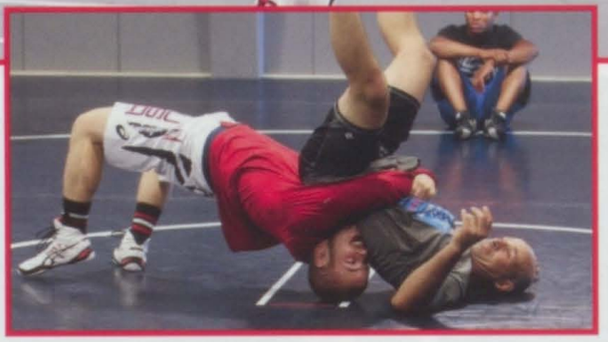
Above: **Jeremiah Ebel (10)**, **Chase Tate (9)**, **Andrew Feely (9)**, and **Juan Lasso (10)** relax between matches. Only having seven members on the team allowed the athletes to become very close.



Above: **Andrew Feely (10)** makes a move on his opponent from behind for the take down. Feely had a good season and looks forward to improving even more next year.



Right: **Jaydon Elge (10)** and **Coach Terry Elge** demonstrate a tricky move to the other wrestlers during one of the NC wrestling summer camps. The athletes found the camps very beneficial and felt it prepared them for the upcoming season.



Right: **Jaydon Elge (10)** celebrates a victory at the Cross County Invite. Elge finished the season 38-0.

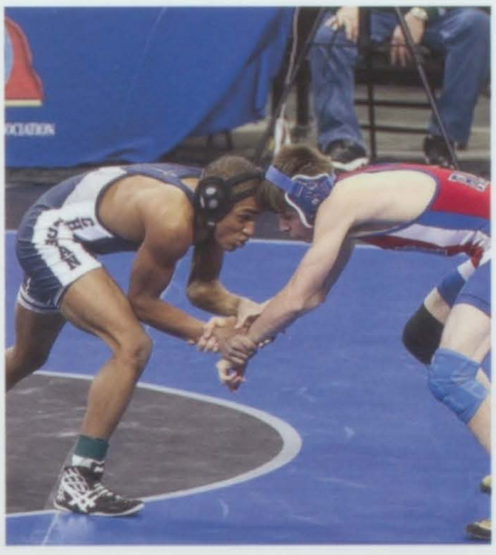
learning discipline

by Sharina Boutin (11)

NC Wrestlers, you have had an excellent season this year. Don't stop the hard work now. Just as iron sharpens iron, find someone who will push you in the weight room, on the mat, and in life. Be competitive. Competition makes you a better person and shows you what you are made of. Push yourself to your limits. You have chosen the sport of true discipline that makes men into leaders. Read and wrestle. Once you have wrestled, everything else in life is easy.

-Coach Terry Elge

Left: **Jaydon Elge (10)** goes for a take down during the state finals. This is the second year Elge has made it to state and went on to take home his first state title.



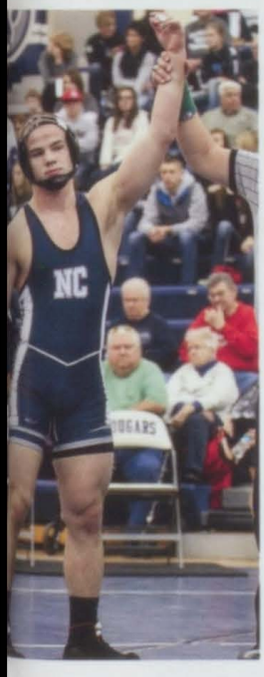
Left: **Jeremiah Ebel (10)** faces his opponent at state wrestling. Ebel qualified for state in the 132-pound weight class after placing fourth at districts.

This year the wrestling team had a very talented group of young men. They were very devoted to improving and worked hard every practice. Their time and effort paid off as three of their teammates qualified to wrestle at the state meet. **Jaydon Elge (10)** had a successful season and went on to bring home his first state title. The team looks forward to bettering themselves for next year's season.

-Sharina Boutin (11)

Above: *Wrestling Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Juan Lasso (10), Jeremiah Ebel (10), Jaydon Elge (10), Assistant Coach Isaac Elge. Row 2: Head Coach Terry Elge, Chase Tate (9), Andrew Feely (9), Luke Swanson (9), Assistant Coach Chris Schweitzer. Not Pictured: Tommy Flynn (10), Assistant Coach Scott Griepenstroh.

- Harvard
- Osceola
- Newman Grove
- Elgin/Pope John
- Cross County
- Neligh-Oakdale
- Cedar Valley
- Boone Central
- GICC
- District
- State (Omaha)



"This year was very humbling for me. God taught me a lot, and one thing was to be a servant and how to be an encourager on the team, and I wouldn't have traded it for anything."
-Hope Baldwin (12)

"I had a lot of fun this year. It was great getting to play with girls who play their hardest and do their best for the Lord."
-Whitney Heuermann (10)

"As a rudimentary player, I was nervous when I decided to go out, but I learned so much this year. I will not forget this time of learning and improving in the sport I love."
-Anna Musgrave (9)

Below: **Amber Mazankowski (12)** blocks the defender from stealing the ball. Mazankowski has been a great influence to the younger players throughout her four years of being a Lady Eagle.

Above: **Anna Li (10)** passes the ball away from her defender. This was Li's first year of basketball, and she improved throughout the year with the help of her teammates.

Above: **Alyssa Prettyman (10)** soars past the defender. Prettyman showed great leadership on the court and off.

Right: **Emily Simmons (12)**, **Alexis Hower (11)**, **Hope Baldwin (12)**, and **Tara Murphy (11)** congratulate each other after a good game. The girls make sure to encourage each other everyday in practice and in games.

Right: **Cassidy Ostrand (11)** leaps high off the ground to catch a pass from her teammate. Ostrand encouraged teamwork and was a great motivation to the team.

rising up

by Maddie Kirby (12)

Enjoy your years in high school sports. They're done before you know it. Build each other, up as a team in the Lord. Serve each other but don't expect anything in return. Don't be afraid to lead and have some fun along the way.

~Emily Simmons (12)

Left: **Emily Simmons(12)** blocks the ball from being passed on to the other team. Simmons was a senior leader of the girls' basketball team.

Below Left: **Tara Murphy (11)** goes in for a layup against Riverside. Due to a knee injury, Murphy's season was cut short.

The Lady Eagle basketball team started the season off with a win against St. Edward, and the team never slowed down after that. During this record breaking season, the team won a total of 19 games and lost only six, which got them to the district finals, where they lost to Sutton. Through all the wins the girls never became prideful or arrogant, but they stayed humble. And even with the losses they had, they kept their heads up and persevered. A season with such success would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of all the girls and the hand of God helping in all of that.

-Maddie Kirby (12)

Above: *Girls' Basketball Team.* From left: Anna Li (10), Alyssa Prettyman (10), Emily Simmons (12), Alexis Hower (11), Sarah Simmons (10), Amber Mazankowski (12), Anna Musgrave (9), Whitney Heuermann (11), Cassidy Ostrand (11), Tara Murphy (11), Claire Ostrand (9), Katie Entz (10), Hope Baldwin (12), Grace Wu (10). Not Pictured: Head Coach Gordon Thiessen, Assistant Coach Nathan Musgrave, Assistant Coach Erin Mankin.

W 49-24 St. Edward
W 38-18 Centennial
W 56-41 Heartland Lutheran
L 47-52 High Plains
W 48-31 Humphrey/Holy Family
W 38-30 Clarkson/Leigh
W 38-25 St. Edward
L 20-53 St. Francis
L 25-48 Fullerton
W 45-30 Central Valley
W 36-22 Osceola
W 32-31 Spalding Academy
W 47-23 Heartland Lutheran
L 25-40 Fullerton
W 47-16 St.Edward
W 37-30 Heartland
W 53-39 Harvard
W 42-34 Riverside
W 53-41 Burwell
W 43-35 Nebraska Lutheran
L 40-47 Shelby Rising City
W 56-26 Palmer
W 47-37 Cross County
W 45-34 Shelby-Rising City
L 28-45 Sutton

"This year we had many injuries, but as a team we overcame them. Many people stepped up when we needed them most."
-Nathan Griess (12)

"As this year went on, we realized that teamwork was the key to our success."
-Jarod Prettyman (11)

"Basketball brought us closer together as a team, and many had to step up to the challenge of injuries."
-Logan Faeh (11)

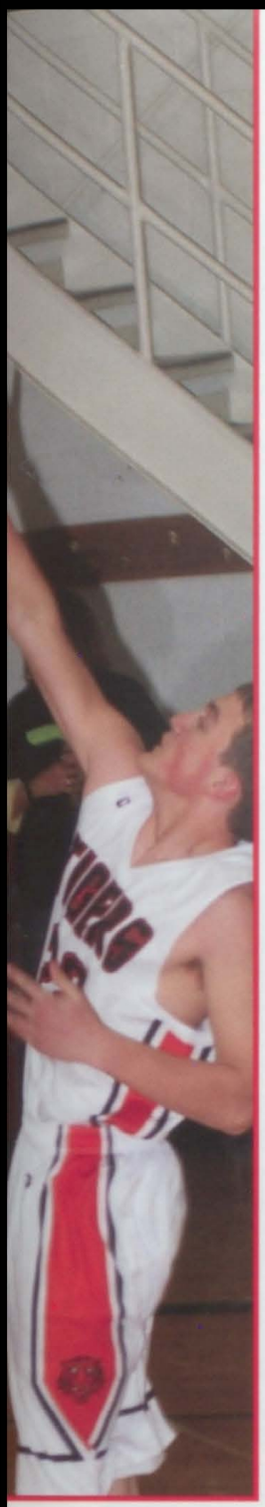
Below: The basketball team huddles up for a quick pep talk before taking on Heartland Lutheran. Though the team had a rough season, their bond will carry through to future seasons.

Above: **Dillon Rose (11)** takes a shot versus Palmer. The Eagles beat Palmer 62-34.

Above: **Jonas Chiang (12)** runs down court as NC takes on Heartland Lutheran. Chiang played basketball all three of his years at NC.

Right: At the conclusion of a game, both teams come together for prayer. The tradition of praying together after games is quite meaningful.

Right: **Keagan Jewell (12)** takes a shot against Centennial. Jewell brought a lot of maturity and leadership to the team.



beyond adversity

by Brittany Ritta (12)

Practice is tough, but work hard and you will gain a ton.

-Jonas Chiang (12)

Left: **Andrew Winsterman (10)** goes up for the shot as NC takes on the Palmer Tigers. Winsterman was a major asset to the varsity squad.

Left: **Nolan Kohmetscher (11)** dribbles up to the hoop during a Holiday Tournament game. Kohmetscher's season was cut short due to injury.

The basketball team started out with great promise, but injuries were a big part of this season. With God's help they overcame the adversity of injuries that were scattered throughout the season. **Coach Mark Leonard** said, *"Our basketball season was a learning experience for our players. The ball did not bounce our way in many respects, but through God's grace, we were able to stay together through a lot of adversity and misfortune. Through it all, our players grew in their reliance to Christ and learned how important each person is to the success of a team."* These lessons will be carried on for seasons to come.

-Brittany Ritta (12)

Above: *Boys' Basketball Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Student managers Trevor Swanson (11), Cody Griess (8), Seth Hower (7), Grant Stuhmer (6), McKenna Leonard (6), Landen Leonard (3), Jayden Leonard (7), Brad Hilderbrand (8). Row 2: Andrew Winsterman (10), Kevin Lin (12), Jonas Chiang (12), Matthew Swanson (12), Keagan Jewell (12), Nathan Griess (12), Lewis Nguyen (12), Austin Nguyen (12). Row 3: Head Coach Mark Leonard, Dillon Rose (11), Benjamin Griess (9), Timothy Hofmann (9), Nolan Kohmetscher (11), Jerod Prettyman (11), Spencer Williams (9), Joel Poppe (9), Kyle Kim (9), Assistant Coach Tim Jewell. Row 4: Logan Faeh (11), Daniel Myers (9), Richard Zhao (9), Martin Nguyen (11), Brennan Nokelby (9), George Nguyen (11), Albert Yang (11), Zac Dockweiler (11).

W 56-36	St. Edward
L 23-36	Centennial
L 56-57	Heartland Lutheran
L 25-72	High Plains
L 57-69	Humphery/Holy Family
L 60-65	Clarkson/Leigh
W 66-54	St. Edward
L 30-64	St. Francis
L 41-54	Fullerton
W 36-29	Central Valley
L 35-45	Osceola
L 48-76	Spalding Academy
W 50-24	St. Edward
L 43-63	Riverside
L 29-71	Heartland
W 51-38	Harvard
L 52-75	Riverside
L 51-67	Burwell
L 49-51	Nebraska Lutheran
W 62-34	Palmer
L 36-53	Shelby-Rising City
W 64-52	East Butler
L 50-75	Aquinas

"I really enjoy being a thrower. We have a lot of fun and are always laughing."
-MaKenna Loy (11)

"As the distance team says, 'Less is more!'"
-Amber Mazankowski (12)

"Track was awesome this year, and I had a good time competing at meets."
-Trevor Swanson (11)

Below: The guys get down and ready to run the 110 meter hurdles at an invitational meet. **Logan Faeh (11)** placed 5th in the event at the state meet.

Above: **Hope Baldwin (12)** glides over a hurdle during the 100 meter hurdles. A passionate track athlete, Baldwin qualified for state in both the 100 and 300 hurdles and the pole vault, and she placed in the pole vault and 100 hurdles.

Above: **Sarah Simmons (10)** positions the shot put just right in preparation to throw. Simmons enjoyed being a thrower this year and had a lot of fun practicing and competing.

Right: **Jerod Prettyman (11)** bends over the high jump bar with great form. Prettyman was a great addition to the team this year and preformed well.

Right: **Ethan Unruh (12)** flies through the air into the long jump pit. Unruh enjoyed being at track meets, especially for the social aspect.

talent upon talent

by Hannah Mead (12)

My suggestion is to be a thrower. If that isn't a possibility, then just work hard every day in practice, and it will pay off in the meets. Be a good teammate, and have a blast!

-Matthew Swanson (12)

Left: **Carson Huenefeld (12)** pushes on towards the finish line to win the 100 meter dash with **Matt Swanson (12)** close behind in second place. Huenefeld has been an excellent leader and athlete over the past four years.

Below Left: *Girls' Track Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Alyssa Prettyman (10), Panny Wang (11), Gladys Choi (10), Katie Nyberg (9), Rachel Epp (10), Claire Ostrand (9), Katie Entz (10). Row 2: Clara Chon (9), Hope Baldwin (12), Lydia Langemeier (9), Katie Cumpston (11), Cassidy Ostrand (11), McKenna Loy (11), Amber Mazankowski (12). Not Pictured: Corina Ge (10), Melinda Kim (9), Skyler Qu (11), Trang Doan (10), Isabella Yang (11), Head Coach Carl Ostrand.

The track team had a great season this year. They had a nice variety of talent in many events and scored well as a team and individually. The distance team was outstanding, and there were also many great sprinters, jumpers, and hurdlers. The boys' and girls' teams were both Goldenrod Conference champions and district runners-up, and 11 students qualified for the state meet. The qualifiers brought home 10 medals, including **Warren Dexter (12)**'s 1st place medal in the 1600 meters. The boys' team finished in 5th place in Class C, and the girls' team finished in 21st place. Overall, it was a very successful track season!

-Hannah Mead (12)

- Concordia College Indoor
- Merrick County Invitational
- Dick O'Neil Invitational
- Fullerton Invitational
- High Plains Invitational
- Palmer Invitational
- Goldenrod Conference (Fullerton)
- St. Edward Invitational
- Districts
- State (Omaha Burke)

Above: *Boys' Track Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Jerod Prettyman (11), Matthew Swanson (12), Myles Wheeler (12), Warren Dexter (12), Levi Elge (12), Carson Huenefeld (12), Logan Faeh (11), Nolan Kohmetscher (11). Row 2: Sam Twogood (9), Benny Stevens (10), Carson Falk (11), Jeremiah Ebel (10), Trevor Swanson (11), Luke Swanson (9), Andrew Winsterman (10), Dillon Rose (11). Row 3: Adrian Epp (12), Phillip Nguyen (11), Taylor Morris (10), Zac Dockweiler (11), Joel Poppe (9), Daniel Myers (9), Lewis Nguyen (12), Austin Nguyen (12), Albert Yang (11). Row 4: Jihoon Kim (9), Ben Griess (9), Cameron Langemeier (11), Ji Ha Kim (9), Tommy Flynn (10), Joel Kaczor (9), Kyle Kim (9), Brennan Nokelby (9), Tim Hofmann (10). Not Pictured: Head Coach Carl Ostrand.

"Being part of NC track has been a great experience. The godly instruction from our coaches, our encouraging teammates, and the consistent examples from the upperclassmen all make NC track an unique opportunity."
-Laura Carlson (homeschool)

"I love being the anchor!"
-Grace Langemeier (7)

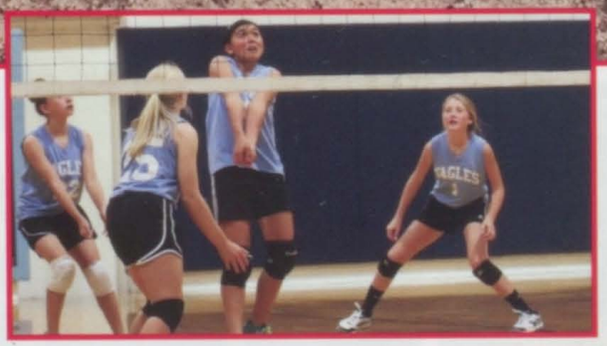
"I loved the group of girls this year; I can't wait to get to play with them more in high school on a higher level!"
-Jada McHargue (8)

Below: **Jamie Myers (7)**, **Lauren Feely (7)**, and **Stephanie Strobel (7)** block against their opponents shot.The girls' basketball team had a really great season this year. They worked hard and developed more as a team.

Above: **Jon Dockweiler (8)**, **Bennett Zaruba (8)**, and **Brad Hilderbrand (8)** take off from the starting line in their cross country race. Zaruba said, "*I love junior high cross country because you get to know so many awesome high schoolers that can impact your life.*"

Above: **Micah Loy (7)** hands the ball over to **Trevor Cumpston (8)** during their only away football game at High Plains. "*It was a really close game, but we learned how to play together in tougher situations,*" said Cumpston.

Right: Marie Ortiz (homeschool) gets ready to hit the ball over to one of her teammates while her teammates **Kendyl Jividen (7)**, **Jayden Leonard (7)**, and **Jada McHargue (8)** prepare to return the ball back over the net. The junior high girls' volleyball team had a great season. They all improved their skills and grew closer together as a team.



Right: Olivia Prettyman (homeschool) finishes out her cross country race. With the help of many high school coaches, the junior high team developed quickly and did very well in one of their first seasons racing together.

learning the ropes

by Keegan Francl (12)

Be a listener, be teachable, and always work hard and go all out. Don't be afraid to fail because in failure we learn to correct ourselves. Learn to be open to correction from others. Help your team mates if you know how to do a drill, and always be encouraging.

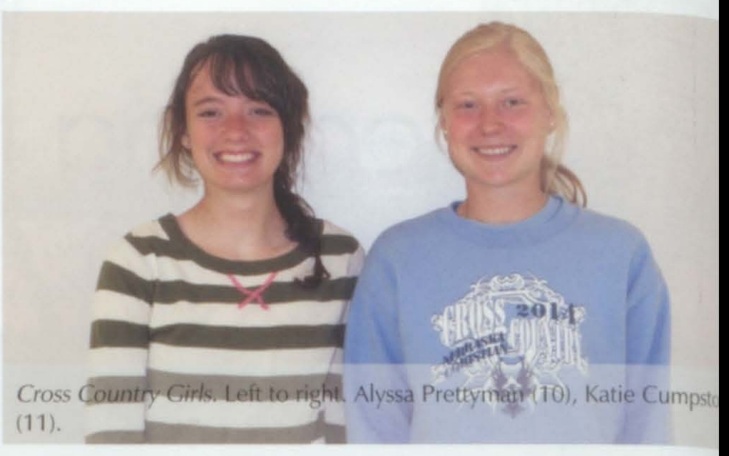
-Carson Huenefeld (12)

Left: **Jake Twogood (8)** practices his jumps in the running long jump. "*Before long jumping or pole vaulting, I usually get pretty nervous. I've learned that praying for God to give me the strength to do it calms me down and helps me perform to the best of my abilities,*" he said.

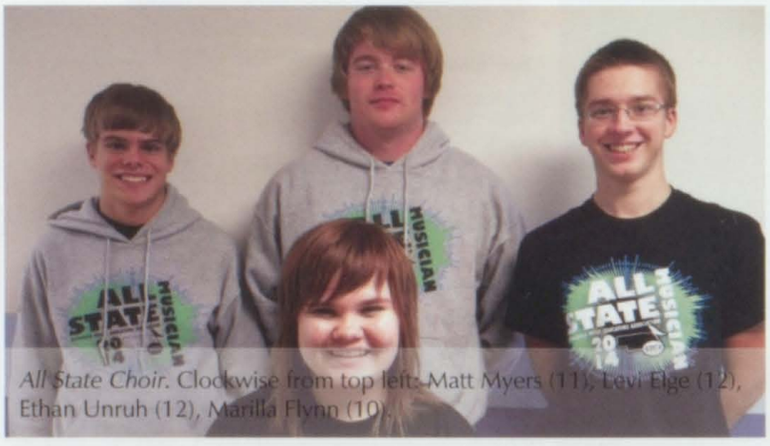
Left: Track Aide **Warren Dexter (12)** discusses a previous junior high track meet with **Benjamin Janssen (8)**. The junior highers enjoyed being taught by the seniors and encouraged along the way through their season. "*I love pushing the kids to their limit and helping them to become the best runners that they can be,*" Dexter said.

Above: *Junior High Athletes.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Sydney Fuehrer (8), Lauren Feely (7), Jada McHargue (8), Carsyn Ostrand (8), Grace Langemeier (7), Skylar Swantek (8), Emma Kaczor (8). Row 2: Peyton Butler (7), Madison Felt (8), Alison Winsterman (8), Kendyl Jividen (7), Jamie Myers (7), Stephanie Strobel (7), Jayden Leonard (7). Row 3: Ryan Dexter (8), Seth Hower (7), Benjamin Janssen (8), Jon Dockweiler (8), Bennett Zaruba (8), Brad Hilderbrand (8). Row 4: Corey Ruybalid (7), Nathan Mousel (7), Trevor Cumpston (8), AJ Longoria (8), Micah Loy (7). Row 5: Cody Griess (8), Jake Twogood (8).

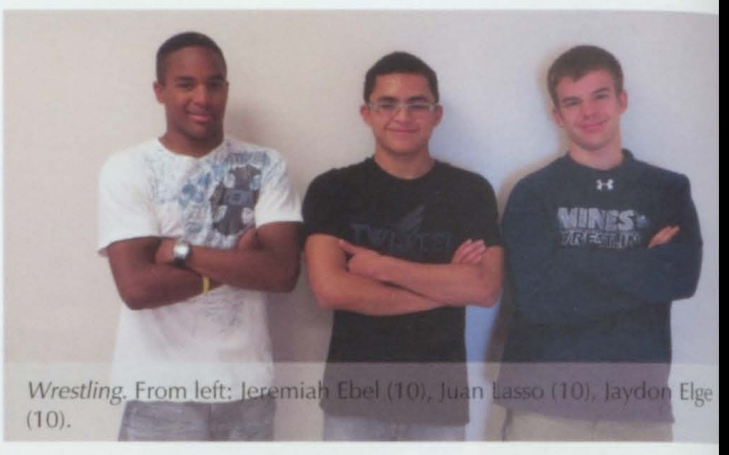
Cross Country Boys. Left to right: Head Coach Janet Landrigan, Matt Myers (11), Jerod Prettyman (11), Brennan Nokelby (9), Warren Dexter (12), Nolan Kohmetscher (11), Adrian Epp (12), Cameron Langemeier (11).



Cross Country Girls. Left to right: Alyssa Prettyman (10), Katie Cumpston (11).



All State Choir. Clockwise from top left: Matt Myers (11), Levi Elge (12), Ethan Unruh (12), Marilla Flynn (10).



Wrestling. From left: Jeremiah Ebel (10), Juan Lasso (10), Jaydon Elge (10).

Speech. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Marilla Flynn (10), Isabella Yang (11), Alicia Kim (10), Christina Bailey (11), Jessica Hilderbrand (9), John Tran (12). Row 2: Skyler Qu (11), Grace Wu (10), Taylor Van Pelt (12), MaKenna Loy (11), Wendy Bornmann (9), Morgan Schulze (10).

Class C All State Band. From left: Marilla Flynn (10), Brittany Ritta (12), Matt Myers (11), Maddie Kirby (12), Jessica Hilderbrand (9).

During the 2014-2015 school year, 44 students qualified for state-level competitions and activities. From athletics to speech to music, these students represented the best of the best in the state. Some went on to great success in their chosen activity or sport; others simply enjoyed the experience of participating. But overall, the students created memories that will not soon be forgotten and helped foster an attitude of excellence within Nebraska Christian's athletic and activity programs.

Track. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Jerod Prettyman (11), Garson Huenefeld (12), Katie Cumpston (11), Hope Baldwin (12). Row 2: Logan Faeh (11), Warren Dexter (12), Nolan Kohmetscher (11), Brennan Nokelby (9), Cassidy Ostrand (11), Amber Mazankowski (12), Alyssa Prettyman (10).

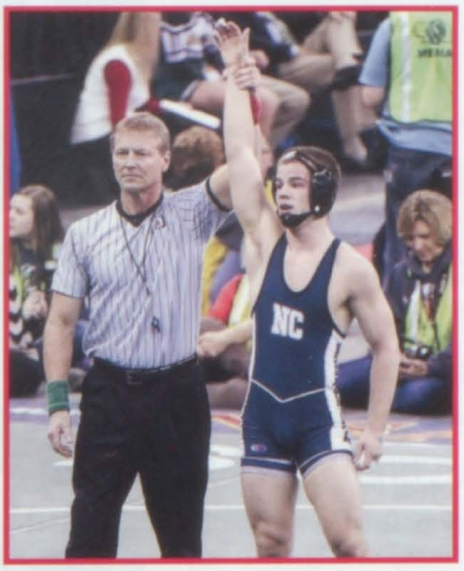
making state

becoming champions

Sophomore wrestler **Jaydon Elge** completed his season undefeated (37-0) when he beat Drew Loberg of Randolph 16-4 to win the Class D 138-pound title. Elge also qualified for state as a freshman, placing fourth in the same weight class.

Elge has been around wrestling for his entire life--his father, **Terry Elge**, has been the NC wrestling coach since the program's debut in 1998--but he clearly remembers the moment he decided to become serious about wrestling. *"When I watched [my brother] Isaac win, I decided I wanted to be a state champion, too,"* he said.

Elge's dedication to the sport is quite evident. During the season, he arrives at school at 6:15 each morning and works out until 7:30. Then he has practice after school from 4:15-6:45. In the off season, he lifts every morning and works out for two or more hours each night. This summer, he will wrestle in freestyle and greko competitions in Iowa, Ohio, North Dakota, and Oklahoma. His goal, beyond winning state championships his junior and senior years of high school, is to become an NCAA Division I national champion and Olympic wrestler.



Right: *Cross Country State Champions.* Clockwise from bottom left: Matt Myers (11), Jerod Prettyman (11), Brennan Nokelby (9), Head Coach Janet Landrigan, Nolan Kohmetscher (11), Adrian Epp (12), Cameron Langemeier (11), Warren Dexter (12).

For the third time in five years, the boys' cross country team took Class D State Champion honors with 29 points to runner up Ainsworth's 42 points. Individually, Warren Dexter placed 2nd (16:43.4), Nolan Kohmetscher placed 9th (17:26.4), and Adrian Epp placed 15th (17:40.6) in order to medal in Class D. Brennan Nokelby placed 16th (17:45.0), Jerod Prettyman was 38th (18:31.8), and Cameron Langemeier placed 107th (20:10.7) for the Eagles.

While the Eagles did win impressively, their victory was far from a foregone conclusion. *"The night before State we reflected on all that had been learned and accomplished. We then concluded that no matter what the outcome [of the State Meet], even if we came in 10th place, we could say it was a good season,"* said **Head Coach Janet Landrigan**.

Indeed, it was a great season. With a new group of runners added to the team this year, the team really did have to come together, and the older, more experienced runners helped the new team members. Freshman **Brennan Nokelby** said, *"One person I would like to give thanks to this season is Coach Landrigan; I think that's who we should thank a million times over. She is a great coach, and we wouldn't have gotten to State without her."*

-Hope Baldwin (12)

Senior **Warren Dexter**'s quest for an individual gold medal was fulfilled when he crossed the finish line first in the Class C 1600 meter run. Dexter's time of 4:27.39 put him across the finish line a full six seconds before the second place runner. At the state meet, Dexter also placed second in the 800 meter run (1:59.54), and he was part of the fourth place finishing 3200 meter relay. (The other members were **Brennan Nokelby [9]**, **Nolan Kohmetscher [11]**, and **Jerod Prettyman [11]**.)

Top right: **Ethan Unruh (12)**, **Levi Elge (12)**, **Jeremiah Ebel (10)**, and **Joel Poppe (9)** feast on some mash potatoes and turkey during a pep rally. **Luke Swanson (9)** and his partner **Jaydon Elge (10)** took home the win for eating their food the fastest.

Middle right:**Lewis Nguyen (12)** and **McKenna Leonard (6)** enjoy Math Day together in the sun. Math Day is when high school students get to help the elementary and junior high in math games and competitions.

Bottom right: **Ruger Webb (2)** and **Kenai Butler (1)** line up behind **Mrs. Daurice Hower** after playing an exhausting game of Swim Fishy Swim. P.E. is the kids' favorite class with Hower.

Right: **Cory Ruybalid (7)** sings a solo for the Festival of Lessons and Carols. This event is always one of the most anticipated events of the year.

remembering the times

"Enjoy your high school years because they're going to go by fast!" This is the phrase that you annoyingly hear all throughout your high school years. However, everyone in the senior class would agree that high school REALLY does go by fast. When you're in your last semester you tend to think to yourself, "Where did the time go? When did I grow up?"

Truth is, we're so focused on graduating that we often forget to enjoy where we are at now. Once you've graduated, you're going to look back and miss all the inside jokes you have with your best friends or how fun it was to go on the senior trip. You're going to miss the pep rallies and watching people get food stuffed in their faces. You'll miss praying for the Royals baseball team every day in **Mr. Mark Leonard**'s class and his loud voice that carries all the way over into study hall. You'll miss **Mr. Clay Mankin** smiling at you as he hands back that test you didn't get a very good grade just because he can never not smile.

You don't realize how many things you take for granted when you're waiting for your senior year to come so you can graduate. Don't be that average senior who looks back and wishes they would have tried to enjoy their time more. You can always go back to college, but you can never go back to high school. Make it fun, and enjoy the times, so you have something to remember.

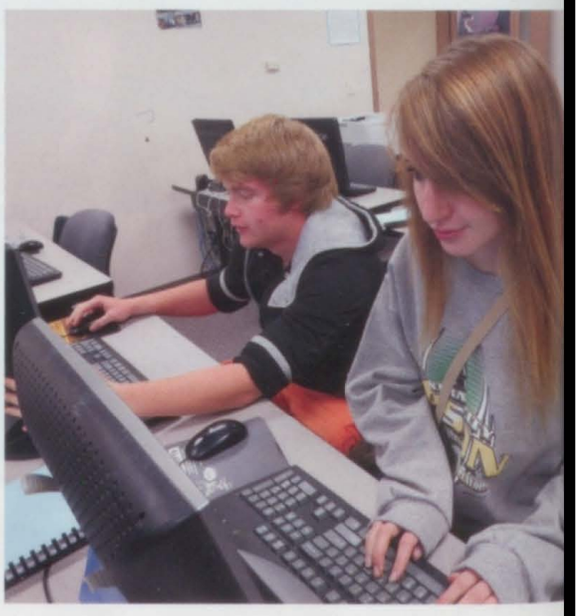
-Keegan Francl (12)

Right: **Ethan Unruh (12)** and **CJ Ruybalid (12)** work on a creative design to engrave on their most recent project. At the beginning of the year, students struggled at understanding the concepts of laser engraving, but with the help of **Mr. David Gee** they eventually got it down, and they even opened an online store to sell their work. The store can be found at http://nc-store.myshopify.com/

Below: The government class closely pays attention as **Mr. Carl Ostrand** teaches the lesson for the day. The seniors enjoyed this class because it was fun, yet educational.

Right: **Skylar Swantek (8)** and **Alison Winsterman (8)** concentrate as they conduct a science experiment. The students loved all hands-on activities they got to do in **Mrs. Tara Mundt**'s science class.

Far right: **Levi Elge (12)** and **Madison Fuerher (11)** work hard on completing their blogs for digital media. This is the third year the class has been offered, and the students really enjoy **Mr. Mark Leonard** as their teacher.



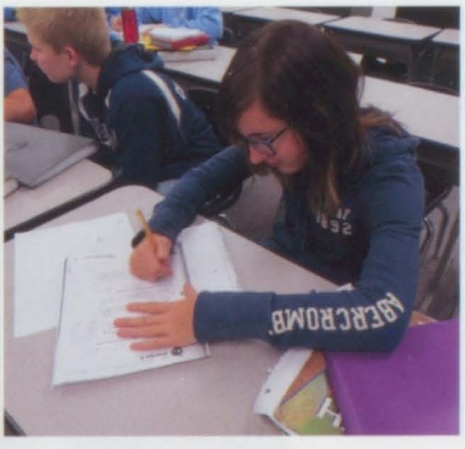
intense learning

by Sharina Boutin (11)

Often sports and other activities get students involved and keep them so busy that they stray from the number one priority of school, which is academics. Keeping your grades up is important, and the closer you get to applying for college, the more you start to realize that.

-Hannah Mead (12)

Left: **Brennan Stebbing (11)** intently watches **Mr. David Gee** as he directs him in shop activities. Stebbing enjoyed the hands on work and was involved in multiple industrial technology classes.



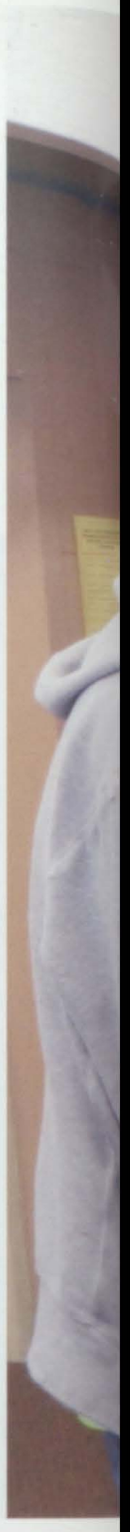
Left: **Bennett Zaruba (8)**, **Wendy Bornmann (10)**, and **Andrew Feely (9)** play along in band practice. The band was full of young but talented musicians.

Above: **Kendyl Jividen (7)** and **Grace Langemeier (7)** closley pay attention as **Mr. Mark Leonard** explains the keyboarding lesson for the day. The students learned typing skills and furthered their knowledge of the Word software.

Left: **Sydney Fuehrer (8)** concentrates as she completes her pre-algebra worksheet. The 8th grade students enjoyed **Mrs. Dee Flynn**'s math class and look forward to Algebra I next year.

Right: **Keegan Francl (12)** and **ShayeLeigh Cooper (12)** give piggyback rides to the happy kids during their missions trip to Zambia in late August. Francl and Cooper, along with **Jada McHargue (8)**, went with a team from the Heartland E-Free Church to serve the Zambian people for two weeks. It was a life changing experience for those that took the step and served overseas.

Below: Some of the high school boys rake leaves at Bader Park during the community service project day. One day this year, all 7-12 students and staff went out to different areas around Central City and helped the community do projects around their businesses and their homes. This was a great way to get students involved in other people's lives to show them the love of Christ.



Right: **Lewis Nguyen (12)** pours water as students set up for the Harvest Festival. The Harvest Festival is a banquet put on to give an update on the school and thank its supporters.

Far Right: **Keegan Francl (12)** helps **Mrs. Stephani Francl** wrap presents for Operation Christmas Child at Community Bible Church's Awana clubs. The Sparkies (the youngest group) all brought new toys and clothes for kids in Africa who are in need and don't get Christmas presents without this program.

helping hands

by Brittany Ritta (12)

Serving others is so important. We should all have a heart for service. You're not just serving yourself, you're helping others to grow. The biggest way to serve God is by taking care of and serving people.

- Keegan Frand (12)

Left: **Zac Dockweiler (11)** and **Albert Yang (11)** help take apart the Heartland E-Free vending machine with the help of Pastor JJ Springer. One of **Mr. Josh Cumpston**'s goals for the school year was to get the student body out into the community to serve, and the students jumped at the chance.

Left: **Keagan Jewell (12)**, **Taylor Swantek (12)**, and **Maddie Kirby (12)** wipe down benches that were in the Heartland E-Free church when it burned this spring. Shortly after the fire, several juniors and seniors spent a school day helping with cleanup.

Above: Mrs. Lois Ludden and **Mrs. Susan Ritta** help serve meat at the annual Harvest Festival. Though Ludden retired from the office several years ago, she still comes back to lend a helping hand at various events, and she loves greeting NC's supporters at the Harvest Festival.

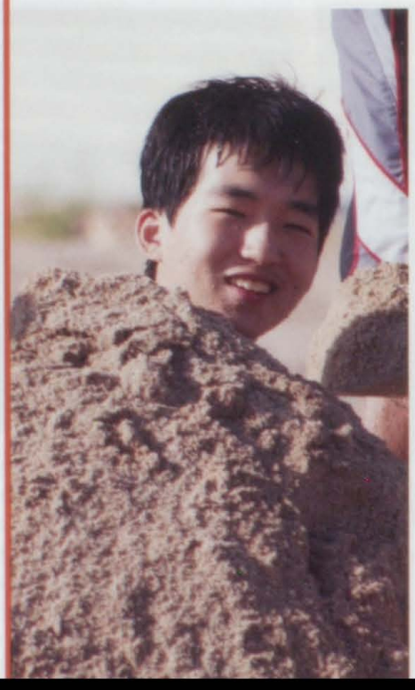
Left: **Dillon Rose (11)**, **Logan Faeh (11)** and **Andrew Winsterman (10)** dig up old railroad ties along the Dark Island Trail. The junior high and high school students enjoyed serving the community of Central City.

Right: **Miss Kaity Flynn**, the NC girls dorm mom, directs the international girls through untying a human knot. Flynn became the girls' dorm mom at the beginning of second semester and seemed to be a great fit with the group of girls.

Below: At the beginning of the school year, the dorm boys went to the Langemeiers' house at Timber Cove for an evening of swimming and fun. When the international students get to Nebraska Christian, the dorm parents try to make everyone feel welcome by planning fun games or activities to help everyone get to know each other.

Right: **Tom Kang (10)** gets buried in the sand during the boys afternoon at Timberlake Ranch Camp. The boys dorm residents always seem to become like a big family by the end of the year, and the activities they do are always helpful in making those bonds stronger.

Far Right: **Kevin Lin (12)** watches as **Noah Dexter (11)** helps **Jonas Chiang (12)** shoot a shotgun. The dorm boys enjoyed their day at the Central City Sportsman's Club in early September.



exploring new worlds

by Taylor Swantek (12)

The dorm has many opportunities for international students. It is a great way to make new friends, meet new people, learn about new cultures and other countries. It is also a great experience and allows students to learn how to be on their own without parents.

– Khing Khobjai (12)

Left: **Marilla Flynn (10)**, **Alicia Kim (10)**, **Trang Doan (10)**, **Melinda Kim (9)**, **Gladys Choi (10)**, **Sophie Guo (10)**, **Anna Li (10)**, and **Mrs. Dee Flynn** walk down the streets of Chicago with their shopping bags in hand during Easter break. The dorm girls enjoyed getting out and seeing new places over long breaks.

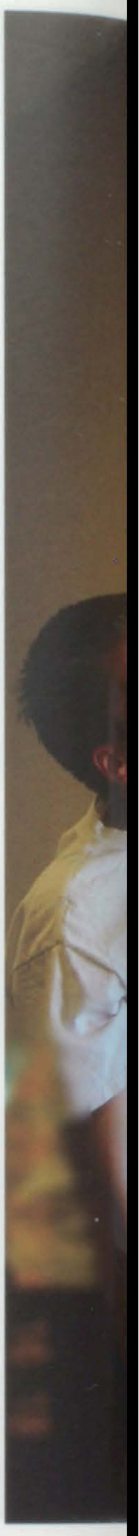
Left: **Khing Khobjai (12)**, **Chau Nguyen (12)**, and **John Tran (12)** work on homework at the library computers. Many international students took online college classes in addition to their daily classes at NC.

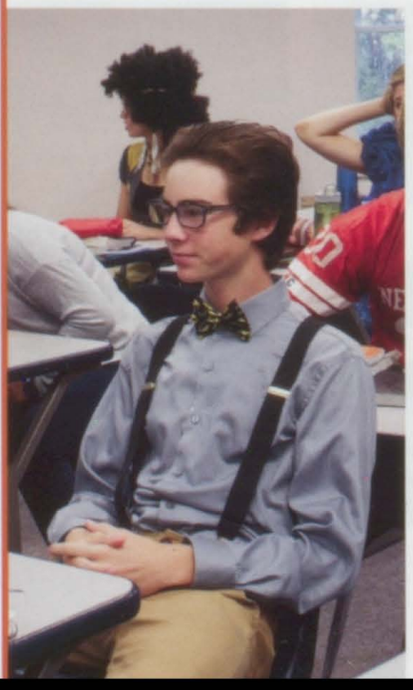
Above: **Martin Nguyen (11)** , **Mr. Timothy Jewell**, and **George Nguyen (11)** ride the big water tube at Timber Cove. The boys dorm students had a blast messing around and bonding with the other boys and their dorm parents.

Left: **Anna Li (10)** and **Gladys Choi (10)** enjoy playing in the snow during one of the first snow falls of the year. It is always fun to see how some of the internationals react to snow, especially if it is their first experience with it.

Right: During the Homecoming pep rally, **Molly Griess (5)**, **Tobias Zaruba (6)**, **Mr. Mike Flynn**, and **Grace Langemeier (7)** score the musical ability of the students and staff singing while Student Council President **Taylor Van Pelt (12)** emcees the competition. The group that got the highest score won a gift bag.

Below: On Wednesday of Homecoming week, the theme was Fantasy Football Day. Each class had to come up with a team name and mascot for their class. Clockwise from top left: Senior Honolulu Riptiders, Junior Beefers, Fanta Freshies, 7th Grade Jellyfish, 8th Grade Terrifying Turtles, Sophomore Gotham City Juanderers.





Right: **Nolan Kohmetscher (11)** sits in class on Throwback Thursday. Homecoming week always adds some fun to the everyday studies and classes while students are still transitioning from summer to school.

Middle Right: **Katie Nyberg (9)** as Annie Oakley and **Andrew Feely (9)** as Clark Kent pose for a picture on their way to lunch on Famous Person Day. Most students who dressed up chose TV or film characters, but several others portrayed historical figures.

Far Right: **MaKenna Loy (11)** as Maleficent sits next to **Cassidy Ostrand (11)** as Marilyn Monroe during chapel on Famous Person Day. Famous Person Day was one of the students' favorite spirit days because it allowed for so much freedom and creativity.

capturing creativity

by Taylor Swantek (12)

Find ways to get involved and don't rely on others to make Homecoming a fun week. Take it upon yourself to go all out, support your class, make t-shirts, create posters, and don't be afraid to go overboard with your creativity and energy because it's your week to remember.

-Taylor Van Pelt (12)

Left: **Ethan Unruh (12)** and **Taylor Swantek (12)** help decorate the high school building hallway with balloons and streamers. Having the the hallway decorated helped build school spirit for the football game on Homecoming night.

● Above: **Mr. Andy Falk**, **Jerod Prettyman (11)**, and **Tim Hofmann (9)** sing "Let It Go" at the pep rally. This was very entertaining for the student body because everyone really got into it.

● Above: NC's first music director, Mr. H. Kay Sawyer, directs the alumni choir during rehearsal. All the choir alumni were invited to come and sing together under the instruction of NC's past and present music directors (Sawyer, Mrs. Elaine Wischmeier, and **Mr. Mike Flynn**.) Each director led the choir songs from his or her era. The day culminated in a concert that was watched online by alumni from around the globe.

Far Right: **Whitney Heuermann (11)** holds her mom **Jody Heuermann**'s hand as she gives blood at the school's annual blood drive. During the drive, 22 people gave blood to the American Red Cross, and many of those people gave for the first time.

Right: **Wendy Bornmann (10)** picks a cup of hot chocolate to enjoy. The Student Council served the student body the warm drink and candy canes during finals week. The student council was creative in finding different ways to entertain the students.

Below: **Hailee Broman (10)** and **Desiree Lutes (10)** enjoy their root beer floats on the swing by the girls' dorm. The Student Council helped students get back in the swing of school by giving them a fun and yummy break.

Bottom Left: During the Winter Pep rally, **Taylor Van Pelt (12)** asks **Brittany Ritta (12)** and **Morgan Schulze (10)** what their favorite moment in speech is. The pep rallies this year were always very informative and interesting to watch. Even if students weren't involved in the actual activity, they enjoyed cheering for the participants.

Middle Right: **Andrew Sack (12)** takes a selfie with **Carson Huenefeld (12), Taylor Swantek (12), Keagan Jewell (12)**, and the rest of the student section. For the girls' basketball district finals, the Student Council set up a "pink out" by asking all the students that went to the game to dress in all pink. The Student Council sponsored special theme nights at football, volleyball, and basketball games to promote school spirit.

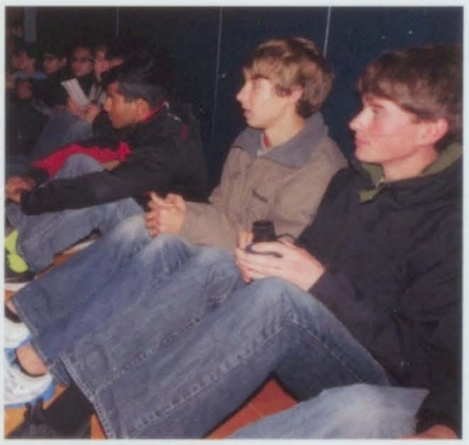
● Far Right: **Emily Simmons (12), Amber Mazankowski (12), Tara Murphy (11),** and **Whitney Heuermann (11)** sing a jingle during the 2014 student body election. Superintendent **Josh Cumpston** decided to make the election more serious this year. Instead of the student body just voting for the people they knew on the roster, the candidates had to give speeches that allowed the students to get to know who they were voting for.

adding some fun

by Taylor Swantek (12)

Being a member of Student Council is a blast. It is an opportunity to help students grow in their relationship with Christ. Serving others is not a burden but a pleasure to me. Don't leave NC with any regrets; make an impact and serve the school through Student Council.

-William Le (12)



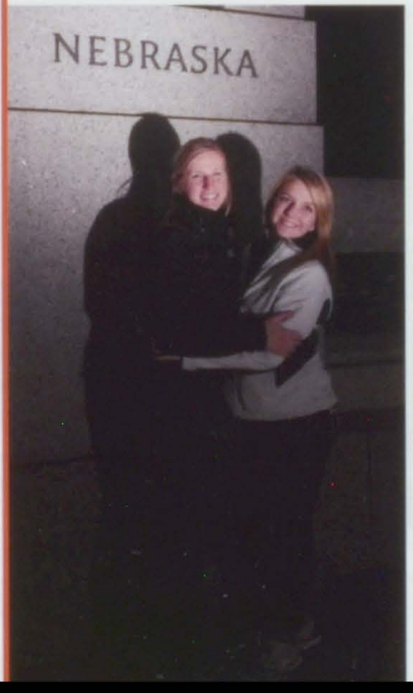
Above (from right): **Samuel Twogood (9)**, **Brayden Gustafson (9)** and **Joel Poppe (9)** sit in the gym while the students file in to sing Christmas carols during finals week. **Taylor Swantek (12)** and **Marilla Flynn (10)** led everyone in singing Christmas carols while the student council prepared hot chocolate.

Above: **Ethan Unruh (12)** and his partner **Levi Elge (12)**, **Jeremiah Ebel (10)** and his partner **Joel Poppe (9)**, **Luke Swanson (9)** and his partner **Jaydon Elge (10)**, **Jonas Chiang (12)** and his partner **Matthew Swanson (12)**, **Morgan Schulze (10)** and her partner **Brittany Ritta (12)**, and **Whitney Heuermann (11)** and her partner **Amber Mazankowski (12)** race to finish their Thanksgiving dinner at the winter pep rally. This game was very entertaining for everyone watching, and the participants were great sports. Jaydon Elge and Luke Swanson came away with the win by making sure they stayed hydrated by drinking their water.

Right: Each year on the senior trip the class visits Arlington National Cemetery. It was very sobering for the seniors to see all the tombstones of the brave people who have sacrificed their lives for our country.

Below: The senior class pauses for a photo with Nebraska's 3rd District Representative Adrian Smith. Row 1: **Hannah Ritta, Chau Nguyen, Kevin Lin, William Le, Emily Simmons, Amber Mazankowski, John Tran, ShayeLeigh Cooper, Taylor Van Pelt, Lydia Johnson, Hannah Mead, Congressmen Adrian Smith**. Row 2: **Ru Li, Brittany Ritta, Jonas Chiang, Jerron Tiemeyer, Zach Brock, Maddie Kirby, Liz Smith, Keegan Francl, CJ Ruybalid, Matt Swanson**. Row 3: **Chris Hilderbrand, Hope Baldwin, Austin Nguyen, Lewis Nguyen, Taylor Swantek, Carson Huenefeld, Adrian Epp**. Row 4: **Ethan Unruh, Myles Wheeler, Keagan Jewell, Levi Elge, Carson Huenefeld**. Row 5: **Nathan Griess, Warren Dexter, Andrew Sack**.

Above Right: **William Le (12)** gazes up at George Mason's statue. Coming from a different country, William had a very different perspective than the rest of us, but he really seemed to enjoy Washington D.C. and learning about the history of America.



Right: **Emily Simmons (12)** and **Lydia Johnson (12)** pose by the Nebraska memorial at the World War II Memorial. The girls all had a great trip and grew closer in their friendships.

Far Right: (Back) **Taylor Swantek (12), Lydia Johnson (12), Keegan Francl (12), Amber Mazankowski (12), Hope Baldwin (12), Emily Simmons (12),** (Front) **ShayeLeigh Cooper (12),** and **Ru Li (12)** gather for a group picture before getting on the metro. The group enjoyed riding the subway and thought it was an exciting mode of transportation.

viewing history

-Hannah Mead (12)

My advice for the Washington D.C. trip to classes who, Lord willing, will go in the future is to not take the time for granted. Get to know the classmates you aren't the closest to. Don't be cliquey and exclusive. God doesn't tell us exactly how much time we will have, so enjoy it and be intentional with others and your learning experiences there.

-Hope Baldwin (12)

Left: After the seniors landed in D.C., they went to the National Mall to view the monuments at night. The World War II Memorial seemed to be an over all favorite. It was very beautifully lit up.

Above: The silhouette of the Washington Monument was a very beautiful sight. Although it doesn't compare to our Nebraska sunsets, Washington, D.C. definitely met the students' expectations.

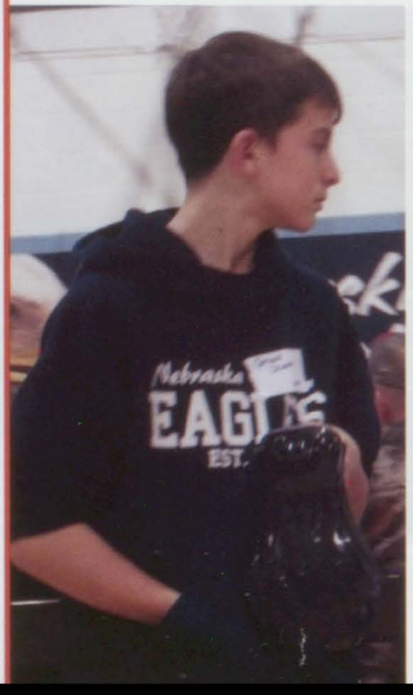
Left: (Clockwise from middle left) **Keagan Jewell (12)**, **Taylor Swantek (12)**, **Chau Nguyen (12)**, **Myles Wheeler (12)**, and **Jerron Tiemeyer (12)** pay close attention as **Mr. Carl Ostrand** teaches on the history of the surrounding sites. Everyone really enjoyed having Mr. Ostrand on the trip as he kept a good balance of fun and learning. and was very informed about the things they saw.

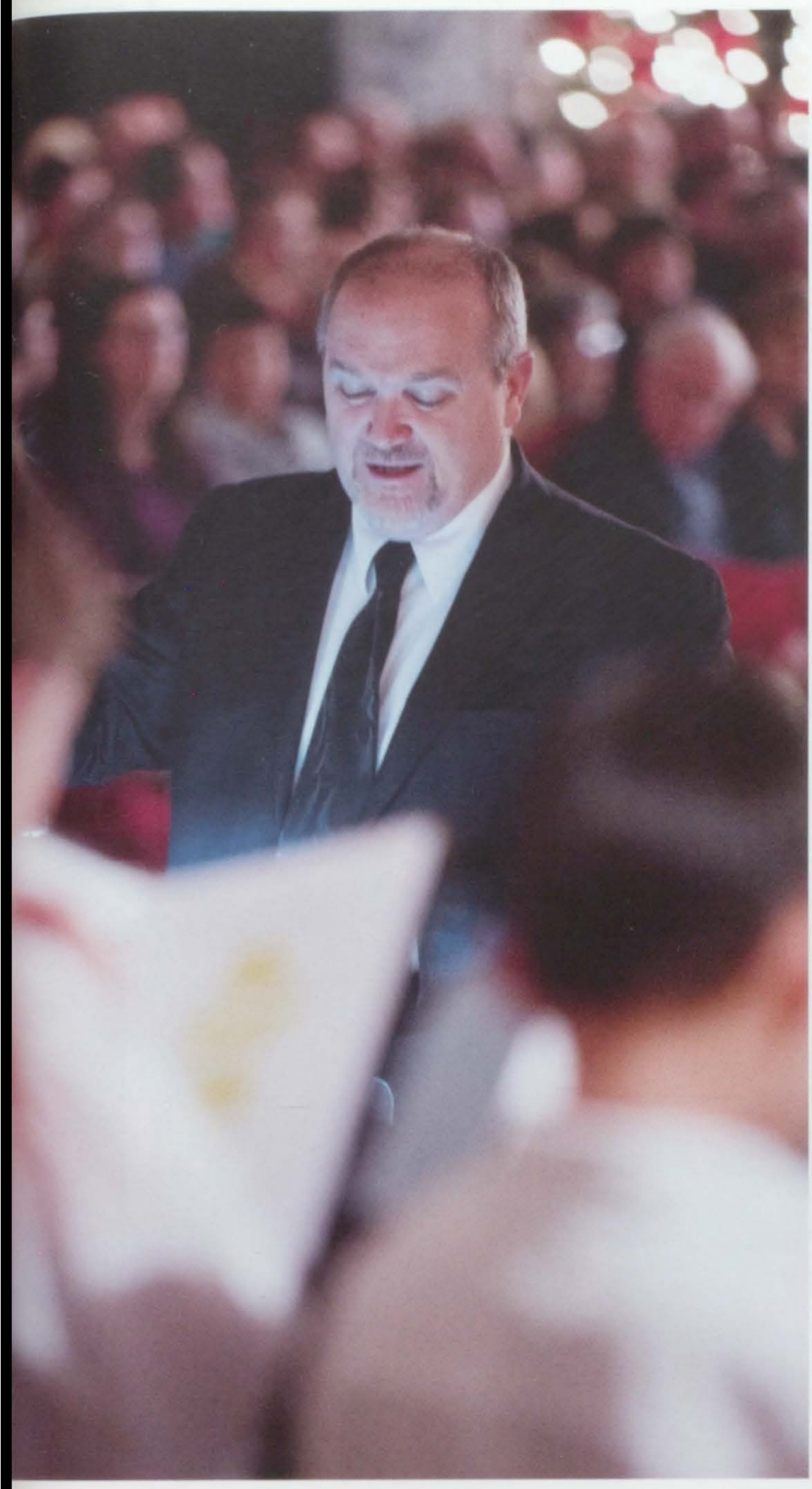
Right: **Matthew Swanson (12)** and **Katie Cumpston (11)** serve hors d'oeuvres to **Mr. Mark Leonard** at the Dinner and Benefit Auction. Each year senior and junior students that have helped serve at the auction in years before are chosen to serve hors d'oeuvres.

Below: Maestro Eric Knapp conducts the orchestra at the Festival of Lessons and Carols. While many NC students always sing in the choir, this year the orchestra also featured several NC musicians.

Right: **Grant Stuhmer (6)** serves coffee at the pancake feed. The pancake feed is a fundraiser for the Elementary PTF, and elementary students and parents serve those who attend.

Far Right: **Julia Merchant (1)** gets help from her grandmother, Tam Merchant, on Grandparents' Day. The Special Events Office puts on Grandparents' Day--which includes lunch, fun activities, and a special program--each fall.





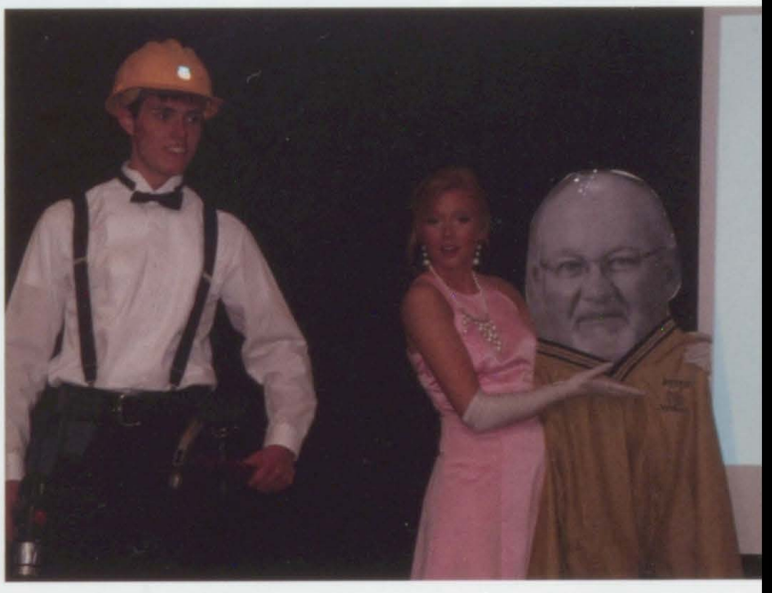
inviting others in

by Maddie Kirby (12)

Always see how you can serve the school. See what you can invest rather than what you can get out.

~Ethan Unruh (12)

Left: **Mr. Mike Flynn** conducts the children's choir in "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" at the Festival of Lessons and Carols. This was one of the audience's favorite selections as the children's and adult choirs sang together.



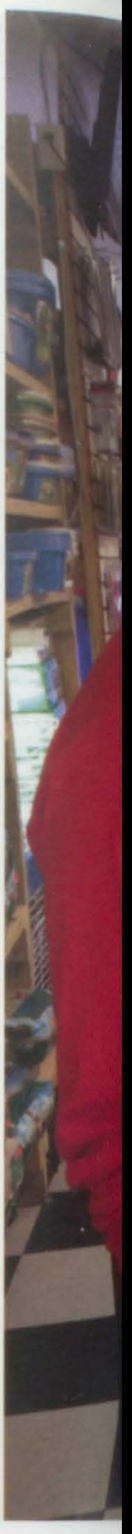
Left: The NC band plays "On Wisconsin," the school fight song, at the Harvest Festival. The crowd enjoyed hearing the school song at the end of the band's performance.

Above: **Myles Wheeler (12)** and **Taylor Van Pelt (12)** promote the storage shed at the live auction. The students in Mr. David Gee's Construction Systems class built the shed for the auction.

Left: **Janice** and Kerry **Stuhmer** receive the Hall of Faith award. Every year at the Harvest Festival, someone who has been involved with NC for many years is given the Hall of Faith award.

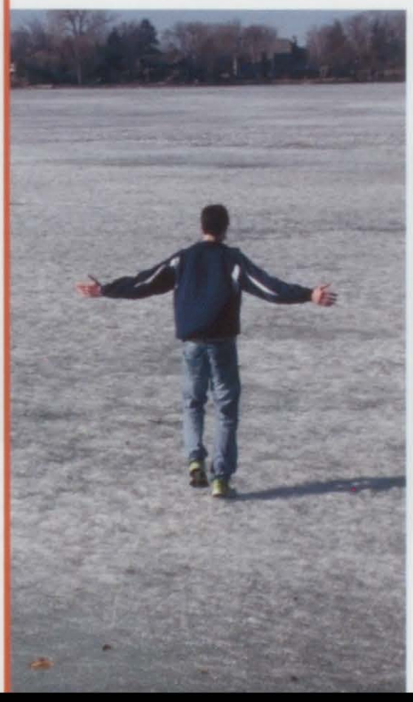
Right: The juniors get ready to tour the University of Minnesota. They visited two colleges while in Minnesota: the University of Minnesota and Northwestern University. The juniors enjoyed seeing the differences between the public and Christian universities and found the tours helpful in their future decisions for college.

Below: Following the recording of David Wheaton's radio show, the class pauses for a picture before continuing their trip. The juniors also enjoyed brunch and a time of praise and worship at Wheaton's home.



Right: **Zac Dockweiler (11)** walks out onto a frozen Minnesota lake. While the junior trip was full of scheduled activity, the class was able to take a few breaks for fun, too.

Far Right: **Nolan Kohmetscher (11)**, **Logan Faeh (11)**, **Albert Yang (11)**, **George Nguyen (11)**, and **Philip Nguyen (11)** explore the city strip around their hotel. The boys enjoyed their group and had lots of fun getting to know each other better.



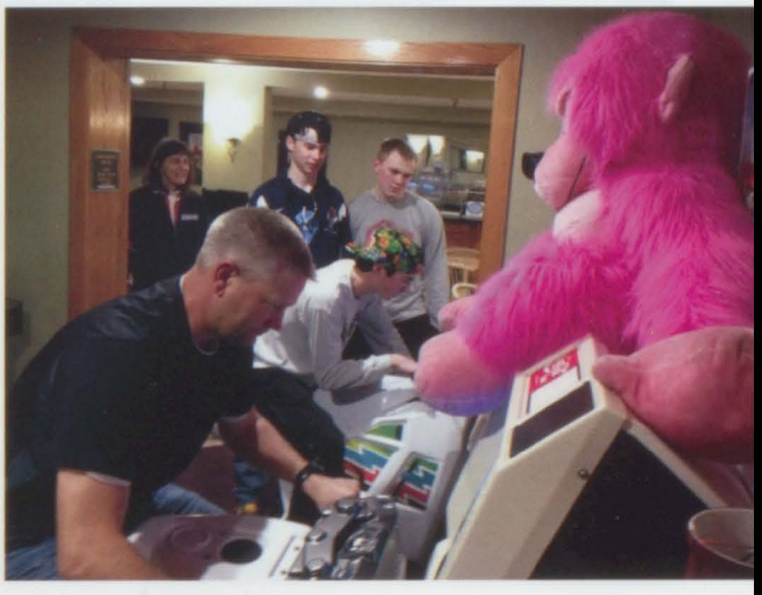
preparing for the future

by Sharina Boutin (11)

The junior trip is a great opportunity to see the philosophical differences of colleges and universities. Choosing a school is a major decision and visiting is probably the most important aspect of that scenario. Its a grand time to begin asking questions as you begin looking beyond high school.

-Mr. Steve James

Left: **Carson Falk (11)** holds a tarantula while **Nolan Kohmetscher (11)** looks on. The boys enjoyed all the new experiences on the trip.



Left: **Katie Cumpston (11)** answers questions as David Wheaton interviews her on his radio show. Cumpston, **Whitney Heuermann (11)**, and **Logan Faeh (11)** all took turns at the microphone.

Above: **Mrs. Trish Murphy**, **Zac Dockweiler (11)**, and **Carson Falk (11)**, watch as **Nolan Kohmetscher (11)** and **Mr. Carl Ostrand** race on one of the arcade games located in the hotel. The juniors enjoyed the hotel they stayed in and had a fun time in the arcade in their free time.

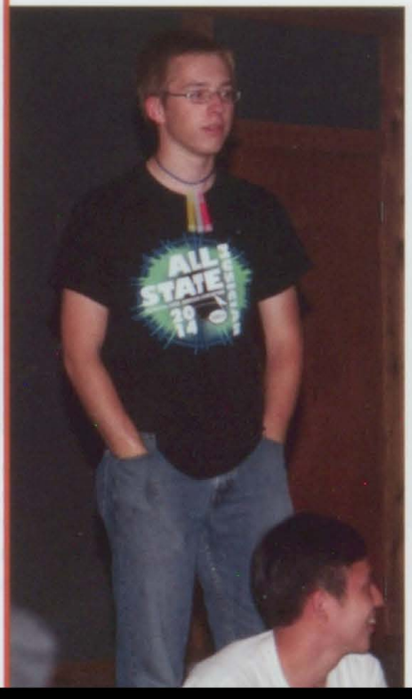
Left: The junior boys enjoy a meal after touring the University of Minnesota campus. For some juniors, the tours of the University of Minnesota and Northwestern University were their first exposure to college campuses.

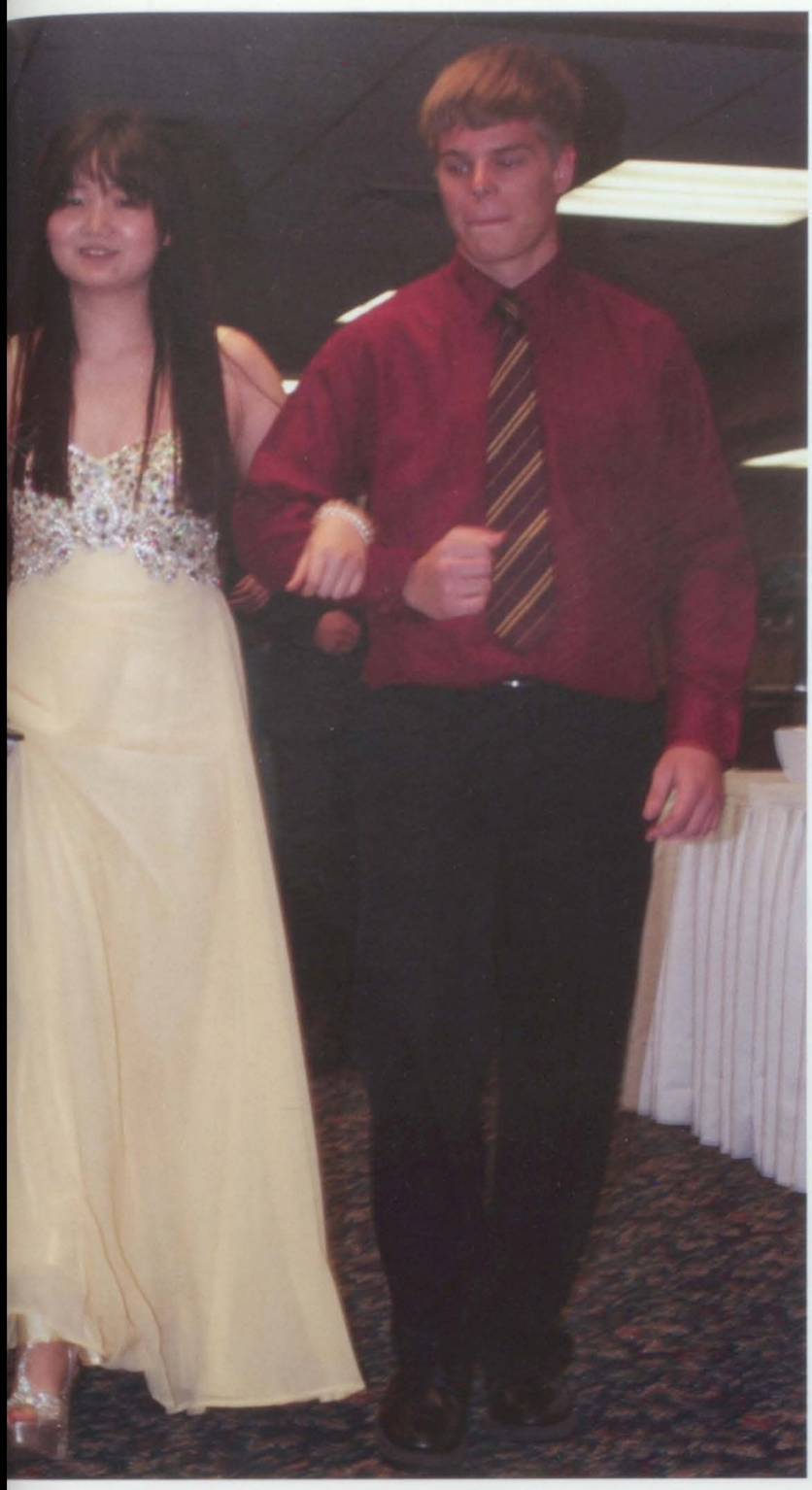
Right: Prior to the Honor Banquet, **Nolan Kohmetscher (11)** rides his mini bike. Several groups of students got together for photos before the event, and Kohmetscher brought his bike along to provide entertainment.

Below: **Taylor Swantek (12)**, **Taylor Van Pelt (12)**, **Khing Khobjai (12)**, and **Panny Wang (11)** pose with funny props for a picture. During the after party, the photo booth was one of the main attractions between games.

Right: **Ethan Unruh (12)** shares his wisdom with the juniors. At the end of the after party, seniors were given time to share what they have learned about preparing for their future to the upcoming seniors.

Far Right: **Amber Mazankowski (12)** and **Keegan Francl (12)** balance chocolate donuts on their foreheads. One of the themes of the after party was a series of minute to win it games.





memorable evening

by Hannah Ritta (12)

It was the first banquet in America I have experienced. I was surprised to see my classmates dress up beautifully. I was also touched when I saw my parents' letter on the table. It was a fun banquet.

-Chau Nguyen (12)

Left: **Ru Li (12)** is escorted to her seat by **Matthew Myers (11)**. Presenting the seniors one by one was a creative way of honoring them.

Left: A table of door prizes awaits the party goers. At random intervals throughout the night, names of juniors and seniors in attendance at the after party were drawn for the prizes.

Above: Pastor Gil Larsen prays for the seniors as the other pastors wait for their turn to pray. The seniors were given the chance to invite their pastor to attend the banquet, and all pastors in attendance were able to pray for the seniors.

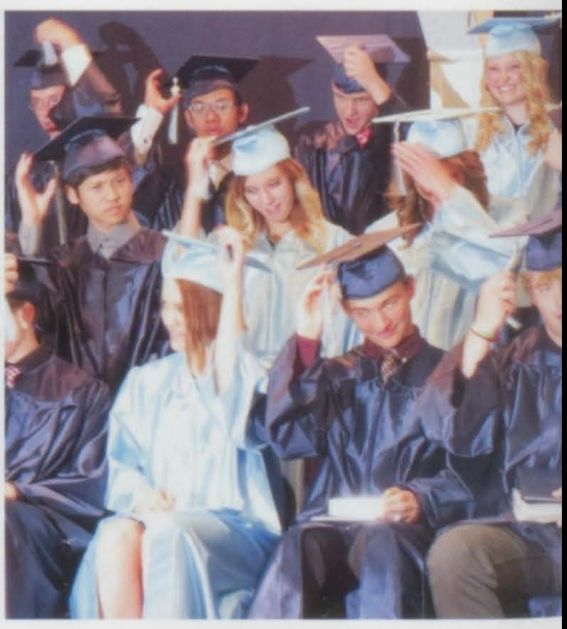
Left: **Matthew Swanson (12)** slips a piece of macaroni onto his spaghetti noodle. The noodle challenge was one of the more challenging games played at the after party.

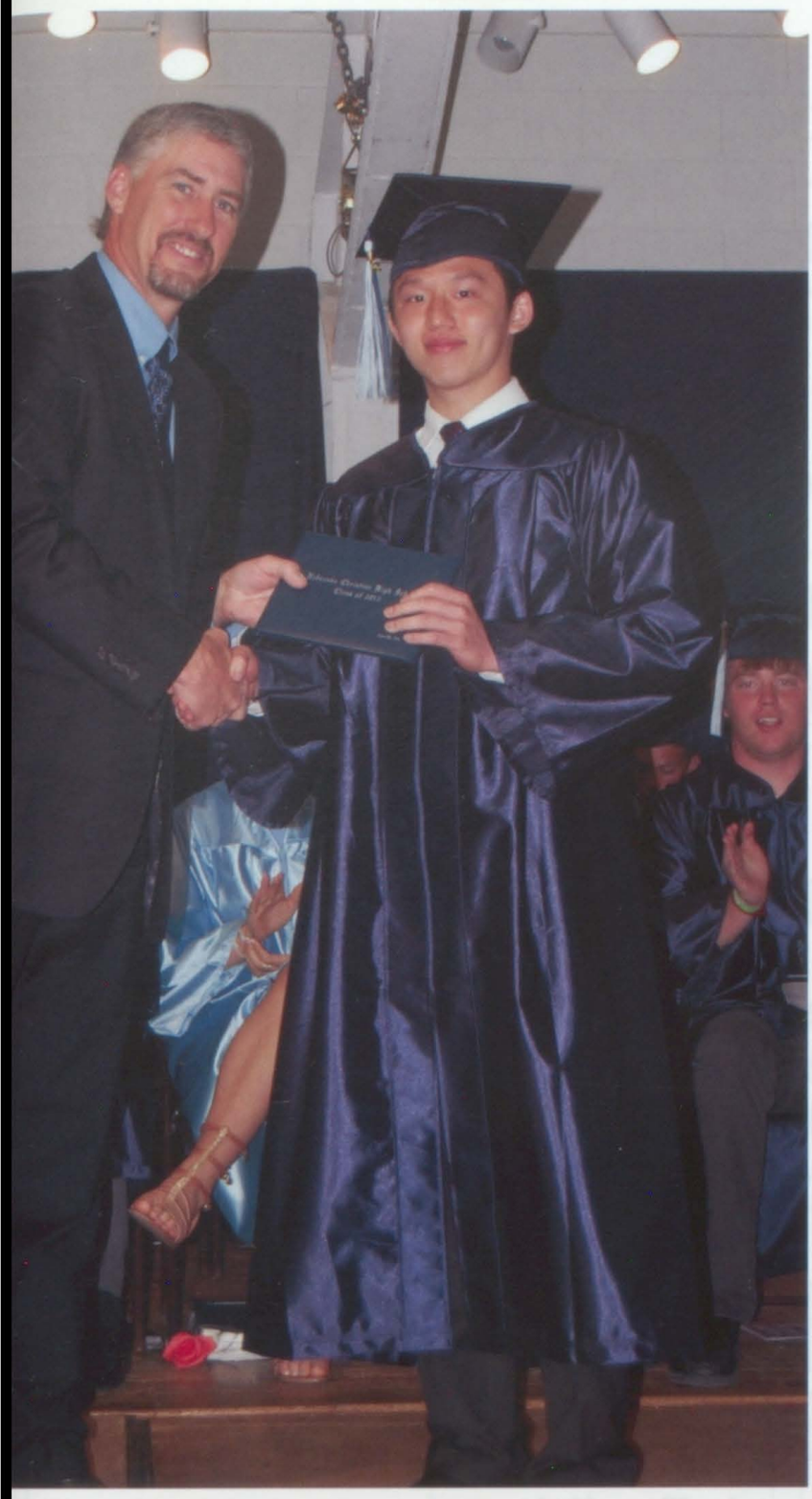
Right: Following graduation, **Ethan Unruh (12)** receives congratulations from Donna and Marlow Pedersen. The Pedersens spent many years working at Nebraska Christian and still love to attend NC events.

Below: Faces beaming, **Zach Brock (12)**, **Hope Baldwin (12)**, and **Carson Huenefeld (12)** march in for the graduation ceremony. Graduation represented the culmination of 13 years of hard work.

Right: Graduation speaker Ron Brown, former Nebraska assistant football coach and current associate head coach at Liberty University, illustrates the importance of standing strong in your faith in the world we live in today. He challenged the seniors as well as the crowd to be firm and and take a stand for truth.

Far Right: The senior class members are all smiles as they turn their tassels in representation of their achievement of graduating high school. They were excited the hard work had paid off and were glad they had finally reached this four-year goal.





ending an era

by Sharina Boutin (11)

Graduation is a time to remember, reflect, and cherish. It flies by so fast that once it's over you wish you could get it back again. When your turn comes, cherish every moment, and don't forget to say thank you to those who impacted you through your high school years.
-Taylor Swantek (12)

Left: Board Chairman Paul McHargue presents **Kevin Lin (12)** with his diploma. Lin attended Nebraska Christian for three years.

Left: **ShayeLeigh Cooper (12)** and **Keegan Francl (12)** discuss their graduation reception prior to the ceremony. The seniors had a lot of time to relax and visit before the ceremony began, since they arrived 90 minutes early.

Above: Longtime friends **Amber Mazankowski (12)** and **Taylor Swantek (12)** pause for a picture following graduation. The two began school together in kindergarten at Columbus Christian School.

Left: Class speaker **Adrian Epp (12)** thanks the administration and challenges his classmates to never walk alone on their journeys after high school. The class applauded Epp's speech and found enjoyment in his humor, as well.

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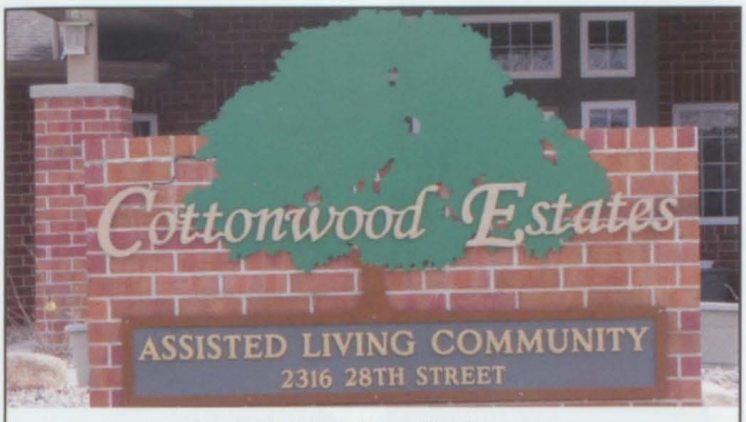

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Liz,

We thank God for the precious gift you have been to us. It has been a joy and an honor to watch you grow into the caring young woman you are today. It is our prayer that you would desire to continue to serve God above all else for the rest of your life.
Remember, in all things to **Fully Rely On God**,
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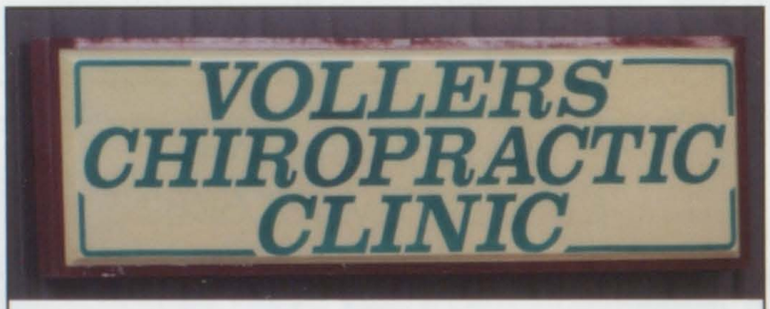
You are the miracle we prayed for, and you have been a blessing from the beginning. We have loved watching you grow into a special young man that follows Christ. Our prayer is for you to honor Him with your whole life.

With Love,
Mom & Dad



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Maddie,

God has given you the heart of a servant! We pray that you will continue to ask God to guide you as you make decisions for your future. You are a very gifted person, and you will go far with your talents!
We are proud of you!
All our love,
Mom & Dad

Nathan,

The meaning of your name is "a gift from God." You are such a blessing to us. We are so pleased with what you have accomplished and how you have persevered. Our prayer for you is that you will continue to grow in faith and wisdom to seek God with all your heart.
"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." (Col. 3:23)

With all our Love,
Mom & Dad

Warren,

He who follows righteousness and mercy Finds life, righteousness and honor. Proverbs 21:21
As you START a new chapter in your life, May you CHASE righteousness and mercy, May you FINISH with life, righteousness, and honor.
Your family is proud of you and loves you.
Zane and Kathy,
Jessica, Dillon, and Ryan Dexter

Zach,

We are so proud of the man you have become, and so thankful for the years that God has allowed you to be with us. We pray that you will always have a desire to follow Christ and that you will allow his light to shine through you. "I only have one Zach."
"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33
Mom & Dad

Emily,

What a joy it is to watch you grow in the Lord every day! You have the world before you. With your gentle spirit, hard work and determination you will go as far as you can see! Your patience, love, and concern for your family and others is a reflection of your love for the Lord.
Love always,
Dad, Mom, Jake, and Sarah

Keegan,

You are definitely our "Fiery One!" Your love and fire for the Lord are a special blessing. It has been such a pleasure to watch you grow up and become a young lady of beauty and passion for life!

With all our love,
Dad, Mom, and your brothers

Matthew,

You are a blessing to us, and we are so thankful for the privilege of being your parents. We pray "that you being rooted and established in love, may have the power together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge- that you may be filled to the measure of all fullness of God."
We love you,
Mom and Dad

Myles,

Thanking the Lord and praising Him for giving us you! You are one of the many Blessings in our home. May you live in such a way that those who know you, but do not know God, will come to know God because they know you!
Proverbs 9:10 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."
Psalm 18:2a "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer: my God is my rock, in who I take refuge."
Follow Him!
We love you!
Dad, Mom, Malachi, Maryah, Makayla, and Micaiah

Taylor,

"For this child I prayed, and the Lord granted me what I asked of Him." 1 Samuel 1:27
Dearest Taylor Alexa,
We are so thankful for the heart God has given you to serve Him. You are an amazing light in our lives and in countless others. We can not wait to see what God has in store for you!
We Love you so much!
Dad, Mom, Skyler, Garrett, and Stone

Taylor,

We are so very proud of the Christ-centered young lady you have become! Your giving spirit, your wit, your beautiful smile, the way you make us laugh...
We could go on & on; you're such a blessing! We thank God for you and pray for you every day!
1 Corinthians 1:4-9 *"I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been enriched in every way....."*
With All Our Love,
Mom, Dad, Levi, & Luke

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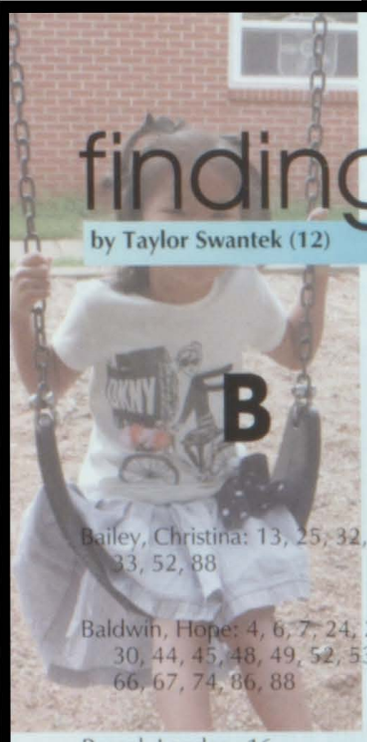

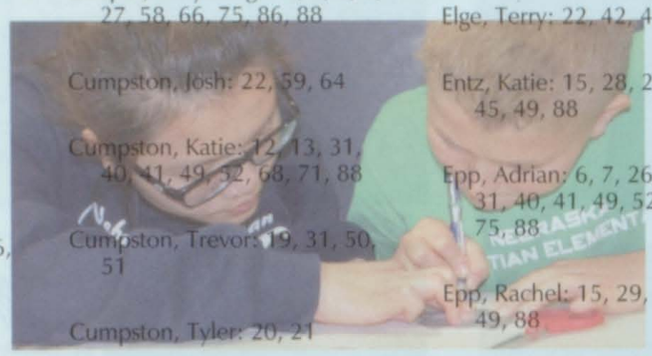

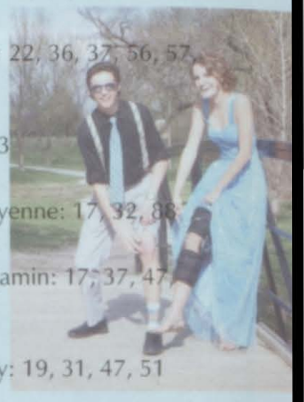

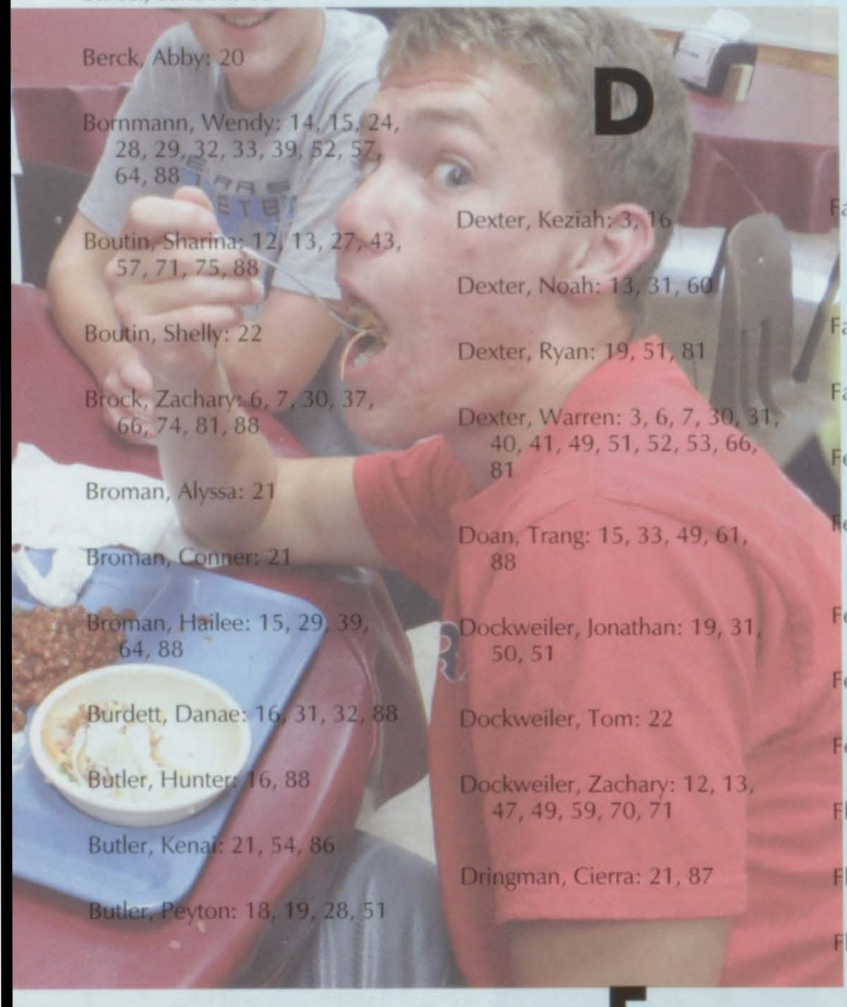

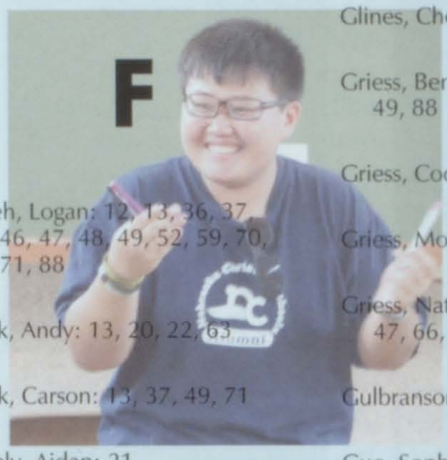

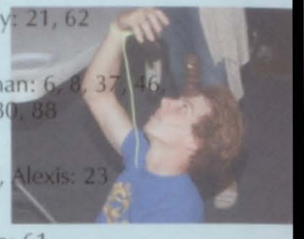

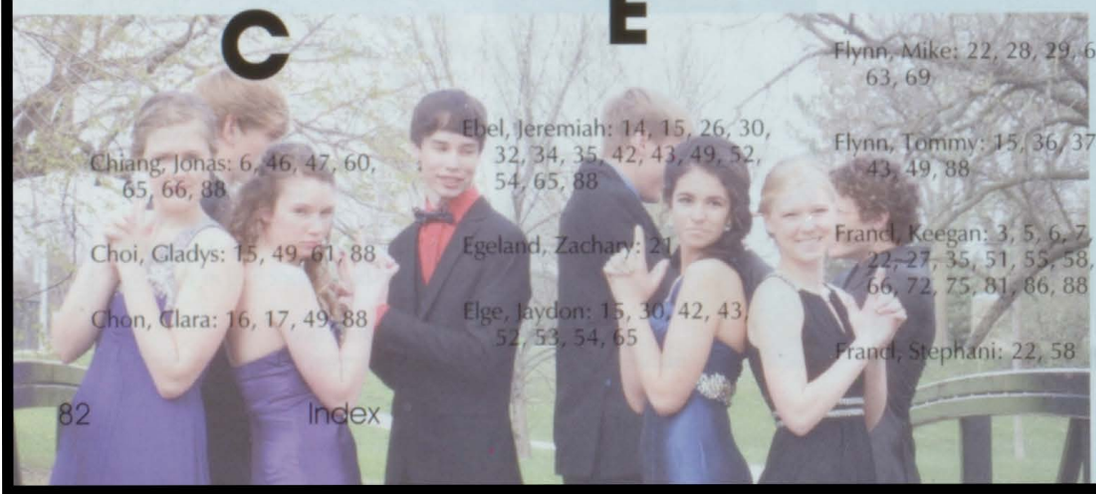

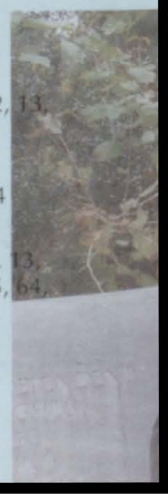

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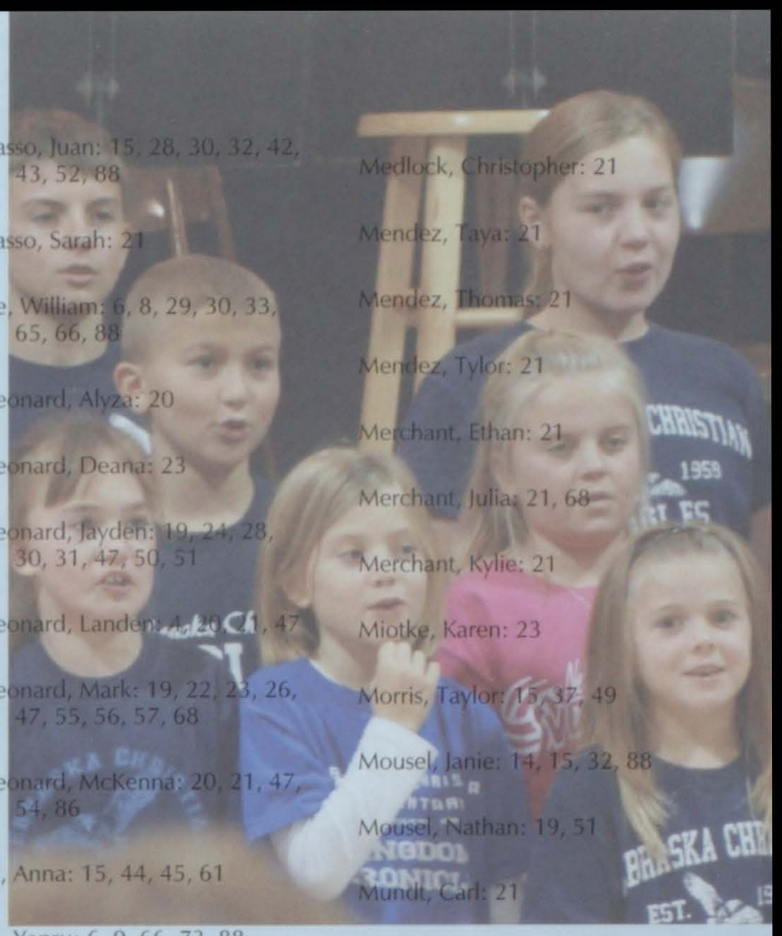

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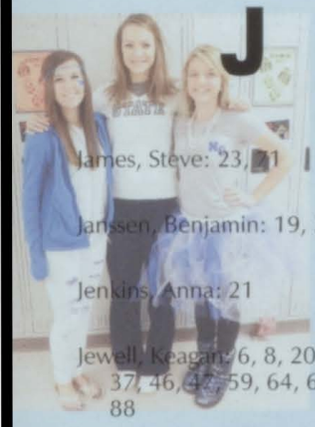

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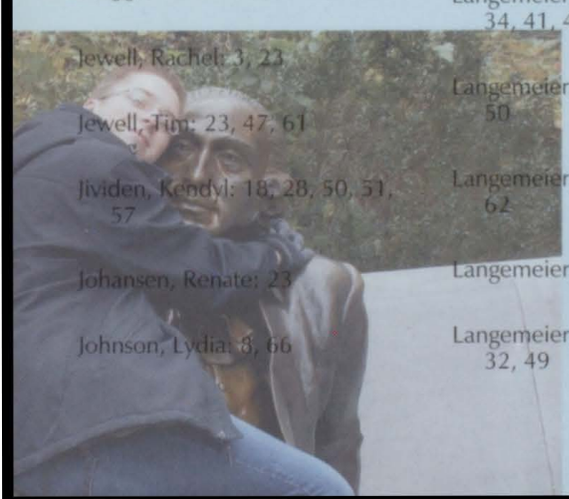

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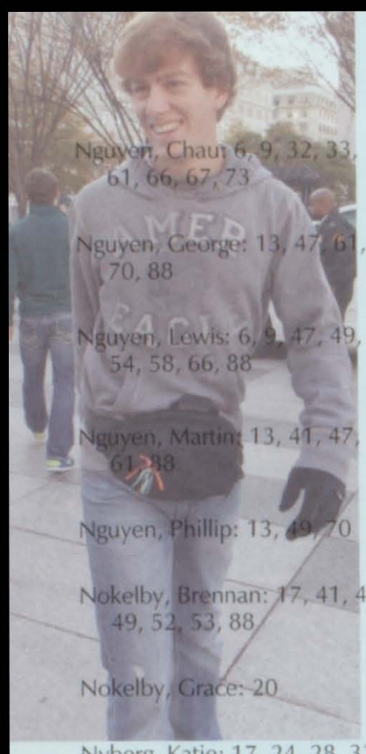

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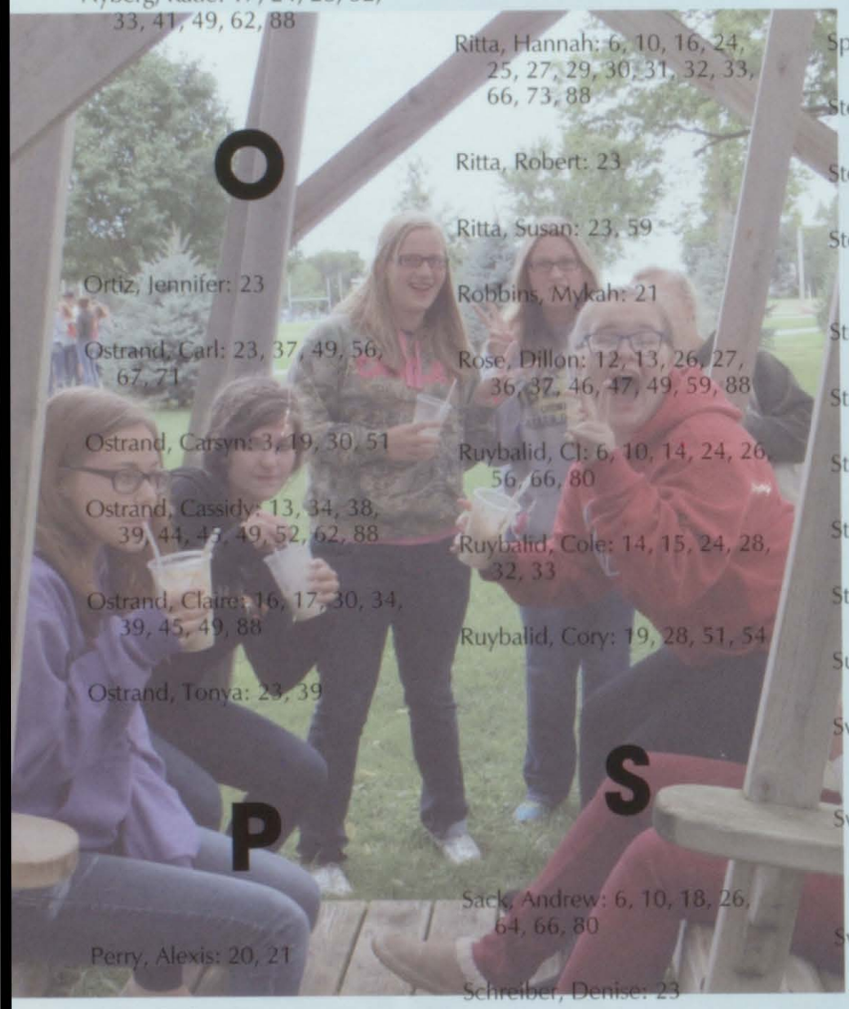

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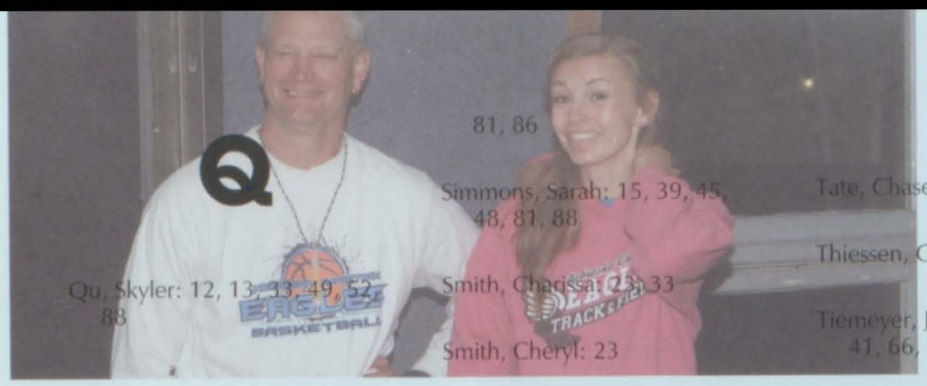

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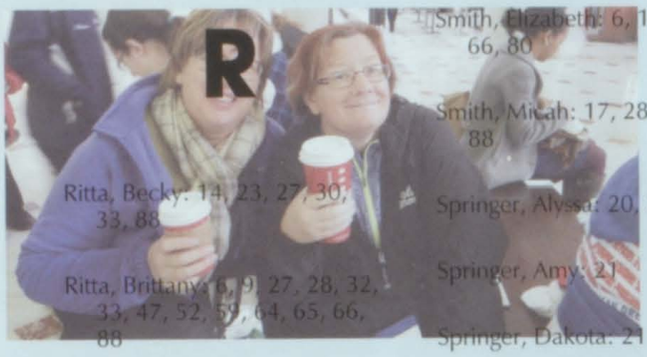

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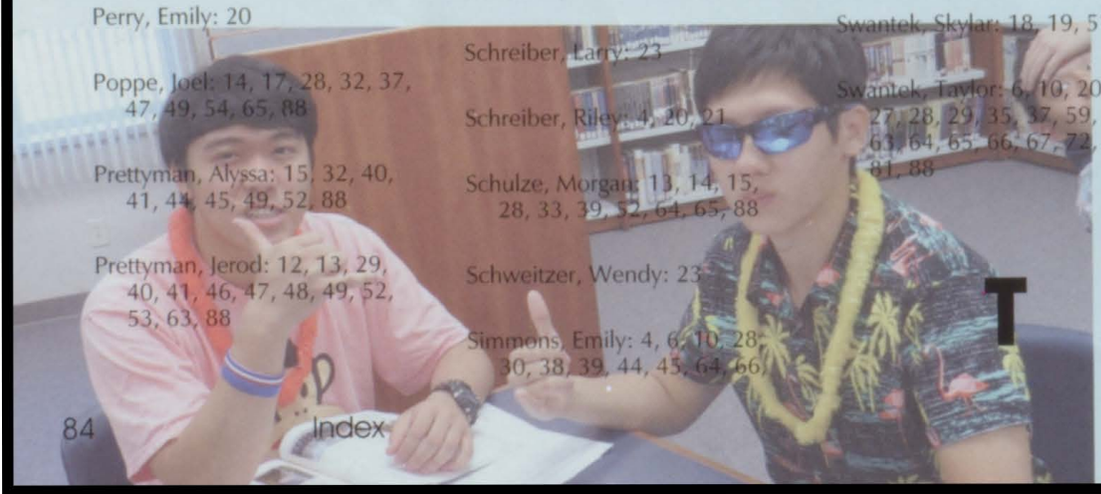

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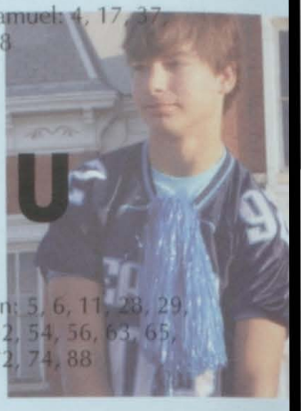

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Looking Back, Moving Ahead

by ShayeLeigh Cooper (12)

High school is a part of your life that you will never get back. It's four years out of your life, and it goes by so quickly. It's the stage of your life right before you get bombarded with so many new things and responsibilities. Throughout this year's yearbook, we focused on cherishing the moments while you're in high school and not taking them for granted. When you've graduated and moved on with your life, you like to look back at the great memories of high school. That's what yearbooks are for, right? We've made sure to capture a great moment with every shot, so that when you've graduated and gone your separate ways, you can look back through these pages and reminisce about your high school years.

When you look back on these pictures, you can play the moment through your head as if you were there again. In fact, this year we added a new feature to our yearbook called Aurasma that actually allows you to relive the moment through technology. With this app, you are able to play back a video of what was happening in a picture by holding your smart phone over the picture. If a photo is marked with a blue dot, you'll know that the picture can be turned into a video. Aurasma is a free app that can be downloaded from the iTunes or Google Play store. We hope that the addition of these videos will help you to relive some of your favorite times as you move forward in the life God has for you.

-ShayeLeigh Cooper (12)

Little pictures top to bottom:

1. **Albert Yang (11)** mows a Central City resident's lawn during Service Day. This was the first year in a long time that the weather allowed Service Day to take place.
2. Following the Honor Banquet, **Emily Simmons (12)**, **Amber Mazankowski (12)**, **Keegan Francl (12)**, and **ShayeLeigh Cooper (12)** enjoy the after party at Covenant Cedars. Each year, the junior parents put on the after party for juniors and seniors.
3. **Hope Baldwin (12)** competes in a pull-up contest that the Marine representatives set up. Many colleges and branches of the military often come to NC to give information about their institution.
4. **Myles Wheeler (12)** serves hors d'oeuvres at the Benefit Auction. Over the past 13 years, the auction has raised more than $1.5 million for teacher salaries.
5. Taking a break from classes, **Marlie Mundt (4)** and **Malachi Zaruba (4)** play with Great Dane puppies. **Kenai Butler (1)** brought his family's puppies in to the elementary for the students to play with.
6. **McKenna Leonard (6)** as Sissy Seagull and **Shelby McHargue (5)** as PJ sing during the elementary's performance of *International Spy Academy*. Each year, the elementary students put on a Patch the Pirate play during the spring semester.

How to Use Aurasma:
1. Download the app from the iTunes or Google Play store.
2. Create an account. (You can use Aurasma without an account if you wish.)
3. Search for Nebraska Christian Schools.
4. Click on the dot to follow us.
5. When you find a picture in the yearbook with a blue dot, open the app and scan the picture to reveal the video.

After officially becoming a high school graduate, **Matthew Swanson (12)** shows his excitement with a big smile as he leaves the auditorium with his mother, Mrs. Karen Swanson. Swanson's day was made more special by the fact that he received his diploma from his father, board member Doug Swanson.

Right: Intently focusing, **Cierra Dringman (5)** works on her valentine in art class. The elementary students made valentines that they then sent to a cancer patient.

picturing the story

by ShayeLeigh Cooper (12)

For the 2014-15 yearbook, we decided to take a different approach. In the previous Nebraska Christian *Reflector*s, the yearbook staff used a journalistic style with articles on each page to tell the story of the year. This year though, we focused on the pictures. We decided that since everyone would rather look at more pictures than read a bunch of articles, why not make the yearbook that way? With that being our main objective, it helped us choose our theme. We wanted the theme to be centered around our new yearbook style. After throwing around some ideas, we decided to make the theme about making memories in school and really enjoying the special moments of the year. So we thought, if the student body of Nebraska Christian will make the special moments, our yearbook staff will capture them and put them in the *Reflector*, so each student can look back on the year's best moments. Thus came the theme, *Capturing the Moment*. Having to get the best pictures and the most memorable moments caught on camera put more pressure on the staff, but we did it! And hey! We didn't have to write nearly as many articles, so that was a plus for us. The yearbook staff hopes that the student body will look at each of these photos and remember each special moment they had with each other. That is our purpose for the 2014-15 yearbook.

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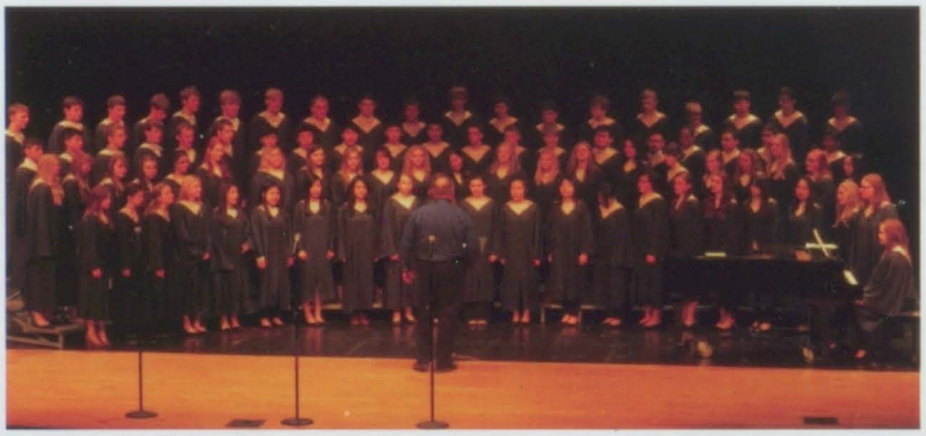

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